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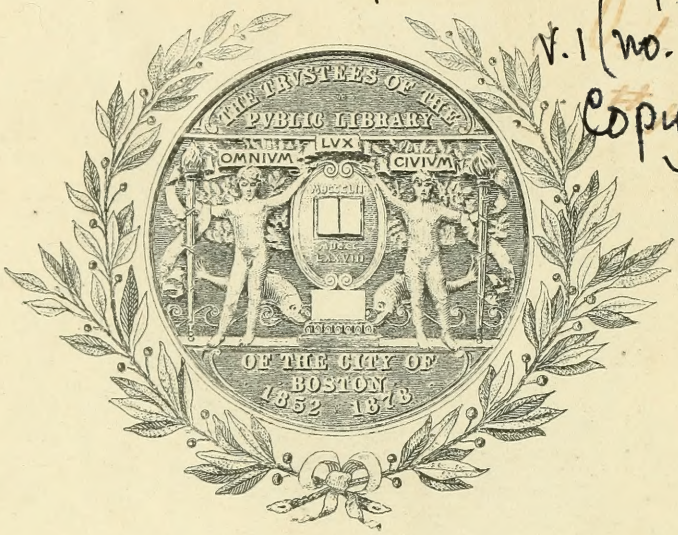

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INTRODUCTION

IN 1847, the Rev. John Stetson Barry (1819-1872), who was minister of the Universalist Church in Hanover from April 1, 1841, to April 1, 1844, and who spent many years in studying and writing local history, published a volume of about one hundred pages of genealogy of the Stetson family.

In the eighty-five years which have intervened between the publication of that brief genealogy and the beginning of the publication of this work, many more of the lines of descent from the common ancestor have been found and generations have lived whose record should be included in the genealogy of the family.

Continuing the work of Rev. John Stetson Barry, Mr. Nelson Mitchell Stetson twenty-five years ago began a more complete genealogy of the Stetson family. Having retired from active business he devoted his entire attention to the project until the end of his life, June 13, 1930. He gave unsparingly of his time and strength to the work but death removed him before the book was published.

The great amount of valuable material which he had accumulated in manuscript form was given to the present editor by Mr. Stetson with an expressed desire that the work be completed and published, and the Publication Committee of the Stetson Kindred of America, Inc., have by vote directed that this be done. The editor is glad and proud to continue the genealogy so nobly and faithfully begun and here to acknowledge the great part Mr. Nelson Mitchell Stetson has contributed to the work as now presented. To his widow and daughter who have continued their interest and helpfulness credit is due.

To Miss Esther Stetson Barry, daughter of Rev. John S. Barry, appreciation and thanks are given for her helpful suggestions and the contribution of her father's notes made after the publication of his genealogy of the family, and for permission to use her published work *William and Esther Barry and their Descendants* which is freely quoted.

The editor takes great pleasure in thanking all members of the family who have co-operated both with Mr. Nelson M. Stetson and the present editor in furnishing information of the kindred, and asks their continued help until the completion of the work.

Freedom has been exercised in quoting from various printed genealogies and town histories, and authority so far as known has been stated and credit given.

The publication of this genealogy is a distinct departure from the stereotyped form of printing family records. First, it is purposed that this shall be a history of the *family* and not merely of those male lines which have retained the Stetson name. In following out this purpose an attempt is made to trace all lines of descent from Cornet Robert Stetson and Honor, his wife, insofar as it is possible. Thus the genealogy will be a record of those persons of blood descent rather than a record of a family name.

Secondly, it is purposed to print the records in instalments of four separate Quarterlies a year which will when combined constitute one volume with an index. Volumes thus constituted will be continued from year to year until the entire record is published. This method is adopted to enable all interested persons to procure the genealogy by small and easy payments as the volumes are published from year to year, and to make available to the family those records which have been completed while the remainder of the work is in preparation. Because of the numbering scheme adopted and the plan of adding appendices as occasion requires, opportunity is afforded for making corrections and inserting additions which may be discovered from time to time, thus producing when the work is completed a more authentic genealogy than could otherwise be obtained.

NUMBERING KEY

Only by a flexible numbering plan can new matter and newly discovered family lines be inserted. Therefore, the form of numbering found herein, which has this advantage, has been adopted. The plan is very easy to understand and to follow.

Cornet Robert Stetson, the emigrant ancestor, is numbered 1. His oldest child, Joseph, is 1-1; the second, Benjamin, is 1-2; the third, Thomas, is 1-3 and so on to Robert, the last child who grew to maturity and had a family and who is numbered 1-8. Joseph's oldest child is numbered 1-1-1, his second child 1-1-2 and his third 1-1-3 and so on. Robert's oldest child is numbered 1-8-1, his second child 1-8-2 and so on.

The second generation will have two figures and the tenth generation ten figures, which makes it a simple matter by counting the index figures to place any name found in the record in its proper generation.

For example: The editor of this work is in the ninth generation of descent from Cornet Robert, therefore there will be nine figures in his index number which is 1-8-1-2-8-2-8-2-3, and signifies that he is descended from the Cornet's eighth child, Robert; from that Robert's first child, Isaac; from Isaac's second child, Cornelius; from Cornelius' eighth child, Thomas; from Thomas' second child, Benjamin; from Benjamin's eighth child, Simon; from Simon's second child, Charles Sanford, whose third child is the editor.

The great number of localities referred to in the first portion of this genealogy are in Massachusetts and to save constant repetition of the name of the Commonwealth it will be understood that where no state is named Massachusetts is meant.

Only the common and well known abbreviations are used in this work with the exception of V.R. for vital records of towns, Ch. Rec. for church records and G.S. for grave stone records.

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CORNET ROBERT STETSON, b. 1613, d. Feb. 1, 1702/3, at Scituate; m. (1) HONOR ( ). He m. (2) Wid. MARY (HYLAND) BRYANT (Widow of JOHN BRYANT), dau. THOMAS and ——— ( ) HYLAND. He resided at Scituate.

Mr. Deane, who wrote the History of Scituate, states on what seems to be excellent authority, that Rev. John Lothrop, "the first regularly settled minister of Scituate," with about thirty of his people arrived in Scituate on the ship Griffin in 1634, and that Samuel House was one of this company. As Robert Stetson, aged about twenty-one years, arrived this same year, and received, as it seems from the above, a grant adjoining that of Mr. Lothrop and Samuel House, it is a reasonable conjecture that he also was a member of Mr. Lothrop's company.

Robert Stetson was the only pioneer of New England bearing the name Stetson who left male offspring. There were, however, among the early pioneers, contemporary with the Cornet, two others bearing the name, i. e., Deacon William of Charlestown, 1632, and Vincent of Millford. Of Vincent we have few notes. He was of Millford in 1646 and in Marblehead in 1674. He returned to Millford (Savage's Genealogical Dictionary). He left at least one daughter, who married George Barlow, and whose posterity is scattered far and wide.

From *Charlestown Genealogies and Estates* we glean that Deacon William Stetson, or "Will Stitson" as he is sometimes called on the records, was an inhabitant in 1632, was admitted to the church with wife Elizabeth in 1633, was deacon of the First Church of Charlestown for over 31 years (Gravestone Record), married for second wife widow Mary (Norton) Hill Aug. 22, 1670. He died April 11, 1691. As a young man he kept the ferry. He became wealthy and possessed large estates. In *Pope's Pioneers* we are told he came via Boston, had no children of his own, and in his will, probated in 1692, bequeathed his property to the eight children of his first and second wives "and to Sarah Johnson who now dwels with me." "Negro Sambo shall have his freedom." He had accounts with people of Bristol, England. It is elsewhere stated that Deacon William Stetson was several times chosen Representative to the General Court, that he, together with Major Sedgwick (leader of the Colony forces in the Dutch War), built the first mills in Charlestown, and was one of the trustees named in the marriage settlement of Martha Coytmore when she married Governor

Winthrop. Although these two, Deacon William of Massachusetts and Cornet Robert of Plymouth Colony, resembled each other in many ways, we have discovered no other evidence of relationship.

No thorough search has been made in the English records for the history of Cornet Robert Stetson before his emigration to America. Such perfunctory examinations as have been made have not discovered him. From the fact that he is reputed as unable to read and write, it is not surprising that whoever made the list of passengers of the ship on which he came wrote his name as it sounded by pronunciation and doubtless some name intended to represent him is on some ship list but has never been identified. More careful search will be made as time and finances admit, and the results of the examination will be printed in succeeding Quarterlies of the genealogy.

The maiden surname of Honor, his first wife, and the mother of all his children, has never been discovered either. From the fact that he was in Scituate in 1634 and that his first child was not born until 1639, five years later than his known arrival, it would suggest that he was not married when he came to Scituate unless there were children older than those on record, who died.

For many years it was thought that the name of his wife was Hannah, but it is now determined that her name was Honor, and probably should be correctly spelled Honour.

Robert Stetson is first mentioned in Scituate records in 1634. He continued to live there until his death at the age of 90 years. He was the earliest settler in the south part of the town which is now known as Norwell, and built the first mill there. Inducements were offered by the town of Scituate to any one who would build a mill on the Third Herring Brook, and in 1656 the following was entered on the Scituate and Plymouth Colony records:

Att a full Towne meeting of the towne of Scittuate
November the tenth, 1656

ffree libertie was this day graunted to any man or men of the town to sett up a Saw Mill upon the third herring brooke as neare the North River as conveniently it may bee on these conditions viz: that in case any of the townes men doe bring any Timber unto the Mill to be sawne the owners of the mill shall saw it whether it bee for boards or plank before they saw any of theire owne Timber and they are to have the one halfe for sawing of the other halfe.

And in case any man of the Towne that doth not bring any timber to the mill to be sawne shall want any boards for his owne p'ticulare use the owners of the mill shall sell him boards for his particular use soe many as hee shall need for the Country pay at three shillings and six pense an hundred Inch sawne, but in case the men of the Towne doe not supply the mill with Timber to keep it att worke: the owners of the mill shall have libertie to make use of any Timber upon the common to saw for theire benifitt: and in case any man or men of the towne doe undertake to build a saw mill as aforesaid they shall begine the worke within three monthes after this day or ells this order to bee voide.

JAMES TORREY, Town Clarke

We whose names are underwritten doe testifye, testifye that we were with Robert Stutson att worke the ninth of ffebruary 1656 to provide Timber to build the saw mill that the said Robert Stutson hath built.

JOSEPTH WORMELLE, his marke
JOHN HUDSON, his marke
JOSEPH BERSTOW, his marke

Although Mr. Hatherly and Joseph Tilden were associated with Cornet Stetson in building this saw mill on the third Herring Brook in 1656, the records seem to indicate that the Cornet was the principle factor in the enterprise and even to this day the "Cornet's old pond," "Cornet's Mill" and "Cornet's Dam" are familiar terms when referring to these localities. We learn, however, from old deeds at Plymouth that Cornet Stetson in 1662 sold one-third part of the mill, possibly all he owned, to Joseph Tilden. (Plym. Deeds.) Mr. Tilden was a relative of Mr. Hatherly, settled his estate and eventually came into possession of the mill, as his widow in settling his estate sold the mill in 1673 for 43 pounds (Col. Court Rec. Vol. V, P. 121).

Cornet Stetson also built the earliest mill in what is now the town of Hanover at "Drinkwater," near the Indian Head River, before 1673, probably in 1656 when he received the first grant from the Colony on that river.

While Mr. Barry did not discover this, and Mitchell and Deane in their histories make no mention of it, proof is very clearly given by Mr. Nelson M. Stetson in his brochure on Cornet Robert Stetson as contained in Volume No. 6 of the published books of the Stetson Kindred of America.

In 1658 the Colony Court realizing that the horsemen of the various towns should be organized for the protection of the colony, ordered raised a "troop of horse" which was to be "well appointed with furniture, viz., a Saddle and case of patternels for each horse." "Patternels" were huge pistols carried by cavalry in the fifteenth century. Later each trooper was ordered to have a suitable horse in condition always ready for immediate service. Governor Bradford's son William of Plymouth was commissioned captain of this company, Governor Prence's son-in-law (his only son was in England) John Freeman of Eastham was commissioned lieutenant and Robert Studson of Scituate was commissioned Cornet. (Plym. Col. Court Rec. Vol. III, P. 174.) This at once became the most valuable company in the colony and consisted of three "squadrons," one at Plymouth under Captain Bradford, one at Eastham under Lieut. Freeman, and one at Scituate under Cornet Stetson. The full company met only on special occasions and at the annual trainings.

A good idea of the duties of a "Cornet of horse" of those days may be obtained from the following court orders of 1667.

"The Councell of Warr have determined that during any appearance of danger . . . . The Troop in each towne be ordered by their owne officers or where such are not, by such as are of the grand councell of that towne, to be redy att all times to goe forth as scouts: upon discovery to carry intelligence from place to place, as there may be occasion, and to do such service further as need may require . . . . that in time of danger the troopers of Plymouth repaire to the governor as his guard until further notice." (Col. Court Rec. P. 144-145.) It was, then, their duty to be in constant touch with each other, to keep their leaders and the towns informed of any signs of hostility or movements of the enemy. They must be good horsemen, well mounted, alert and of good judgment, mentally and physically fitted for the position.

For twenty years he held the offices of "Cornet of the Troop of Horse" and one of the "Counsell of Warr," and annually for seventeen years Scituate sent him as her representative to the Plymouth Colony Court.

Cornet Stetson was often employed by both town and colony in their dealings with the Indians, the laying out of roads and land grants, and in the adjustment of difficult situations. For many years the name of "Cornett Stetsun" is the most conspicuous name on the Scituate records. The records of Scituate's town meetings previous to 1666 are

lost. After that date the records were kept in the book called the *"Scituate Town Meeting Book,"* and at this first recorded town meeting, held in 1666, Cornet Robert Stetson was chosen first selectman.

The following year Scituate again "voted to choose three selectmen" and the Cornet was again chosen first selectman (See page 14). This board of selectmen, chosen at this time, was given much authority by the court, and after being approved by the magistrates, constituted a little court complete in itself. They were both judges and jurors, were given "power to issue executions and enforce their judgment," were authorized to try all cases involving not over forty shillings, and to settle all differences between the townspeople and the Indians.

In July, 1646, the following was entered upon the Colony Records:

"Upon complaint by some of the inhabitants of Scittuate that there was great want of heighways to be layed forth and a former jury have beene empaneled to have donn the same who have not yet for divers yeares recorded their verdict . . . . the court doth therefore order that a warrant shalbe directed to the constables of Scittuate requireing them to cause a sufficient jury to be empaneled before Mr. Timothy Hatherly, who upon their oathes shall lay forth all such wayes with as much conveniency for the gen'all and as little p'judice to the p'ticulars as may be according to the act of the court (Plym. Colony Court Rec., Vol. II, P. 106).

In compliance with this order a jury was soon empanelled before Timothy Hatherly with Cornet Stetson as foreman and ways were speedily laid out. Among the most important of these were the "Towne Way" over Palmers Log Bridge through Greenbush to the harbor, and the "Countrey Road" from "Berstows Bridge" (now North River Bridge) to Hingham.

A page from the records of Scituate will readily show the importance of Cornet Robert Stetson in the opinion of his fellow townsmen. He was, at this meeting, chosen one of a special committee, a Deputy to the Colonial Court and one of the town's Selectmen.

"The Towne chose three men to prosecute this order, and the order bearing date the 8 of December 1664 respecting timber.

The men chosen are

Capt. Cudworth
Cornet Stetsun
Mr. Tillden

Att a Towne metting the 2 Day of May 1667.
Chosen for Deputis for June Corte and the adjormente thereof
The men chosen are Cornett Robard Stetsun.
Isack Chittenden.
Chosen for Constabls, { Mikiell Pearce, Wm. Brooks.
Chosen for Gran jury (?) men, { Mr. Joseph Tillden, John Bryante.
Chosen for Survayores for the high ways, Wm. Berstow, John Ensine.
The Towne Did agree to chose three Select men.
The men chosen are Cornett Robard Stetsun,
Mr. Thomas King,
Isack Chittenden.

John Turner Jur. is appoynted by the Towne to sell the old gun barrells that are in his hands."

In 1665 Cornet Stetson received from the Colony a grant of 200 acres of land for his services in settling the difficulties with the Indians at "Kennebeck Plantation," and during Philip's War, although well past his sixtieth year, he not only led his "Squadron of Troopers," but was chosen "Town Councell" and "Agent for the town" to provide clothing, food, ammunition, etc., "for the soulgers," and he was, with General Cudworth, chosen "Press Master" during that time.

We are told that Robert Stetson was "only a cornet"; that "he couldn't even write his name." Now if this be true—and there seems to be no evidence that it is not—isn't it remarkable that he should have been chosen repeatedly to represent Scituate, at that time the wealthiest and most populous town in the colony,—Plymouth not excepted—as their deputy to the colony court, and always with, or alternately with, such men as Gen. Cudworth, Lt. James Torrey and John Cushing, who were among the best educated men in Scituate or in the colony? Certain it is that they shared this honor with the unlettered "Cornet of the Troopers" until he had served the town in this capacity for seventeen years: twice as long as any other deputy from Scituate. We must infer from this that he was a man of unusual ability, and that he had the confidence of the freemen of Scituate. As long as Cornet Stetson lived he was—possibly with one exception—the only deputy chosen to represent at the Colony Court that part of Scituate now known as Norwell, Hanover and the "Two Mile" district of Marshfield.

In 1668 he purchased of the Sachem, Chikatabutte, for the Colony a tract of land at Drinkwater, in Hanover, containing 6 square miles, a large portion of which had already been granted to him by the Colony Court.

At the beginning of Philip's War the Colony sent him with other eminent men to Mount Hope to interview King Philip in an endeavor to avoid the war. He was also chosen with the same men to establish the disputed "Pattent Line" between the Plymouth Colony and the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

During the period in which Cornet Stetson was active in the affairs of the Government, nearly all who participated were connected by family ties, and each member owed his preferment in some measure to family connection and influence. Major Josias Winslow was the son of Gov. Edward, and Major Bradford was son of Governor Bradford; Captain Thomas, and Treasurer Constant, Southworth were the sons of "Mistress Allice Bradford," the Governor's wife; Captain Benjamin Church was the son-in-law of Treasurer Constant Southworth, and the Colonial Secretary, Nathaniel Morton, was a nephew of Governor Bradford; Governor Prence's wife was daughter of Elder Brewster, and Major Freeman, formerly of the Troopers, was Governor Prence's son-in-law; but unless Honor, the Cornet's wife, was of "royal blood," we know of nothing except character, ability (and quite possibly his personality) that contributed to the Cornet's preferment for a place in the government.

We do not know that the Cornet was connected with any church previous to the establishment of the Second Church of Scituate (now the First Church of Norwell), but Rev. William Witherell, the first minister, having been ordained the previous month, baptised on October 6th, 1645, the Cornet's three oldest sons.

Cornet Stetson does not seem to have been very active in affairs of the church. It is somewhat difficult to imagine this practical trooper entering very warmly into a dispute over the relative merits of baptism by sprinkling and by immersion, but we notice one instance in which he acts in his usual role of peacemaker with a committee of the church in the interest of harmony. Previous to 1654 there was a continued controversy between the followers of Mr. Chauncy of the First Church, and the followers of the more liberal Mr. Witherell of the Second Church, chiefly over the method of baptism and administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Witherell's last letter to Mr.

Chauncy in behalf of the Church in 1653 was a special effort to bring about a reconciliation (See copy of this letter, Dean's History of Scituate, p. 186). The committee who subscribed themselves to this letter "by order of the church" and as "your brethren in Christ" were Rev. Wm. Witherell, Elder Thomas King, Eph'm Kempton and Robert Stetson. The following year Mr. Chauncy retired and accepted the presidency of Harvard College, and the two societies became harmonious.

"We of the present time can have no conception of the continuous nightmare under which our forefathers lived. Every farmhouse in those days was surrounded by forest trees. But in those days of Indian warfare there was no knowing at what moment of night or day painted warriors might steal forth from the forest shadows and bring to the isolated settlers the same horrible fate that had been experienced by so many.

Imagine the state of mind of Honor Stetson with her family of children living far distant from neighbors. Imagine also the dilemma of Cornet Stetson himself—the powerful temptation to stay at home to guard his loved ones, and yet his sworn duty to ride forth and leave them to their fate while he directed the defenses of the vast territory of Scituate stretching from the western limits of Hanover, through Norwell, Greenbush and to the Harbor itself. Think of the impossibility of defending such a territory. There was a little garrison of twelve men at what is now Hanover Four Corners at Barstow's Tavern. There was another at Greenbush and doubtless another at the Harbor, but think of the scattered farmhouses with their defenseless women and children.

Cornet Stetson owned much land. He had a flourishing mill on the third Herring Brook near the Four Corners. He was much in demand everywhere, for in those trying days the fate of this entire section of Plymouth County was literally in his hands.

All the available militia, some thirty men, were ranging the woods in Middleboro looking for the Indians on the dreadful day when the Indians descended upon Scituate. Let me bring you the picture as I glean it from Colonial records and from the probabilities in the case:

In the early morning of May 20, 1676, Cornet Stetson, asleep in his house, was aroused by a mad clatter at his door. A terror-stricken messenger cried out the dreadful tidings that the Indians were in possession of the Stetson mill at the Herring Brook. At that moment could be seen

above the tree tops a tell-tale pillar of smoke. With a hasty farewell to his wife and the younger children, the Cornet flew to his barn, saddled his horse and set off at breakneck speed up the familiar road to the settlement.

That he was riding into the very jaws of death was more than probable. The frightened messenger was sure that the attacking party was a great multitude. He himself had been awakened by the clamor of their attack upon the watchmen who were guarding the mill. He had set off instantly to warn the military commander who was also the owner of that mill.

Before the Cornet had skirted Church Hill, it was apparent that the reign of terror had begun. The mill was in flames. The house of Joseph Sylvester had been captured and was about to be put to the torch. Charging down the road, then little better than a bridle path, Robert Stetson made for the garrison at Barstow's Tavern at Four Corners, where frightened fugitives were already seeking sanctuary. The Sylvesters had escaped, fleeing from their home at the approach of the Indians.

Not knowing what move would be undertaken next, Robert Stetson resolved upon the desperate expedient of sallying forth with a mere handful of men in an endeavor to drive the Indians from the settlement. It was now full day. Leaving his horse and deploying his little band in true military fashion, the attacking force dashed from cover to cover, from trees, buildings, stone walls, anything that could afford protection, until they came within musket shot of the invaders.

In fact the smoke and flames told where the Indians were at work. Evidently the savages were dumfounded at attack when they had fancied no resistance was possible.

At any rate, at the first roar of musket and the whir of bullets in their midst the entire band of Indians scudded for cover, fleeing in the direction of the Stetson settlement where the Cornet and his older children resided.

After them in desperate haste raced the white men. To Cornet Stetson this must have been a harrowing hour, for the fleet-footed warriors vanished, going he knew not whither. But when he reached his own home he found no evidence that the Indians were in the vicinity.

Concluding at length that the savages had taken the road to Greenbush, the venerable man, now in his sixties, gathered all the neighbor-

hood men and boys capable of bearing arms into skiffs and boats and pushed on down the river. But long before they reached the scene, rising smoke and the sound of musket fire told them that the savages had indeed taken the overland route and were then ahead of the Stetson party, busy at their deadly purpose of slaughter and pillage.

The Blackmore homestead, a few rods west of the road that leads to Union Bridge, was in flames. Marauding bands were firing other houses, for no less than twenty-one dwelling houses and barns were burned that day in Scituate. Among the houses burned was that of Robert Stetson, Jr., a son of the Cornet himself.

The main body of the savages were besieging the Stockbridge garrison on the shore of the Old Oaken Bucket Pond to which a large body of townspeople had fled for protection. The garrison were returning a brisk fire and with occasional deadly results. The Indians were firing upon the place with great regularity and endeavoring to set it in flames. Every attempt to approach it with firebrands was being repulsed. Flaming arrows were being made use of when Cornet Stetson and his little band came scurrying up from the river in a surprise attack upon the besiegers.

At about the same time, Lieutenant Buck arrived on the scene, presumably from the Scituate Harbor section, and joined the Stetson party in harassing the Indians. So great was the multitude of the invaders, however, that even this flank attack could not dislodge the savages. The fight continued until nightfall when the Indians vanished and were seen no more in the town. Among those killed in the fight were six heads of families. Many were severely wounded. It was indeed a sorry day for Scituate.

Can we not imagine the rejoicings when Cornet Stetson returned to the bosom of his family, after the most exciting experience of his long and useful life."

(Extract from address by Dean Gleason L. Archer at the Annual Meeting of Stetson Kindred of America, Inc., August 20th, 1932.)

The story of Cornet Stetson would hardly be complete without a copy of his will and the inventory of his estate.

In reading these, his estate seems small, but we should bear in mind that he was nearly ninety years of age and doubtless had during his later years spent a considerable portion of his means in providing for

himself and family. Moreover he had previously given each son a large and valuable farm, and to Capt. Benjamin, two that were especially desirable.

THE WILL OF CORNET STETSON

Scituate, the fourth Day of September, anno Domini 1702

I, Robert Stetson, of Scituate, in the County of Plymouth, in New England Being Aged and week of Body But of Sound Disposing Mind and memory . . . . .

Prayers Be Rendered to God for the same and Being In Daly Expectation of My Last and Great Change and Desirus to set things In Order Before My Death do therefore hereby Make and Declare this my last Will and testament in Manner following . . . .

Imps. I humbly commit my Spirit to the father of Spirits And my Body to Decent Buriel when itt Shall Plese God to Call He hence . . .

And touching shuch outward Estates as itt hath pleased God to Bless Me with My all Will is that the Same Be Imployed Bestowed According as herein Expressed, etc.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to Mary My Well Beloved wife upon the proviso and Condition herein after Set Down, the Sume of twelve pounds in money and ten pounds Worth of My Household Goods Shuch as She Shall Choose with the Sole use and Benefit of the South End of My Now Dwelling house and one half of my Seller, and two Cows with Summer pasture and Wintering of them. With fifteen Bushells of Good Merchantable Bread corn annually paid and delivered to her and Suffisiant and Convenant fire Wood Cut and Laid att her Door as shee shall want the same, the said ten pounds worth of Goods and two Cows with the said twelve pounds in Money to Be at her own Disposal as to her shall seem meet the other perticulars to Bee for her Support and Comfart during her Remainder my widdow and No Longer, the sd. ten pounds worth of Goods and Cows to be Paid and Delivered to her. By my Executors within two months after my Decease ye sd. twelve Pounds in Money and other perticulars to Be paid and Delivered to her By my Eldest Son Joseph Stetson as followeth (viz) the said Money att three several payments (to wit) four pounds to Bee paid in one year after my Decease and other four pounds within two Years after my Decease ye Residue at the Expiration of three years after my Decease the sd. Bread Corn Summering and wintering of ye sd Cows and firewood Provided to Be Annually Delivered paid and performed By my said son as ye same is above Expressed.

Allways Provided and itt is the true Intent and meaning of This my will and the Condition of the Bequests and Devise above said—And Every perticuler of the same.

That my Wife Shall and Do Within two Months after my Decease in wrighting under her hand and seal absolutely Quit Claim too and Release her Right of Dower and power of thirds in and unto all my Lands and houseing in Scituate aforesaid that she may thence fourth have Or pretend to have in or unto the same or any part thereof Except what is above Given unto her to my Eldest Son and His Heirs, etc.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my said Eldest Son Joseph Stetson All that my Dweling House out Houses upland And medows Being the farm on which I now live and Dwell to hole to him and his heirs forever according to the known and accustemed Bounds of the same Excepting Out of itt one Acre of Medow which formerly I promised to give to my son Samuel Lying Next unto his other Medow which said Excepted acre of Medow I hereby Give and Bequeath to my son Samuel and his heirs for ever hereby Enjoyning my said Eldest Son Joseph Stetson to pay Deliver and perform unto my wife as above said upon her Release of Dower as above said And acceptance of What is By this my will Given and Bequeathed unto her which if She shall neglect Doing or Refusing to Do then I hereby Declare that what I have above Bequeathed unto her and Every perticuler of the same shall thenceforth Be null and void.

futher itt is my Will that my sd Eldest Son Shall not alien or Sell any of the Lands above Given him unles to his children or one of them.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my Son Benjamin ten pound out of my moveable Estate.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my son Thomas five pound to Be paid him out of my Moveables.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Son Samuel the sume of Eight pounds out of my Moveable Estate. Item. I Give And Bequeath to my Daughter Eunice Rogers ye sume of ten pounds out of my moveable Estate.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my son Robert my Wearing Cloaths which with what I have formerly Given him I judge Convenient for him.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my Daughter in law Abigail the Relict and widow of my son John Deceast the sume of ten pounds to be paid out of my moveable Estate.

Item. I Give unto my Grand Children yet are now surviving to Each of them Six Shillings.

Item. My Debts Legaceys And funeral Expences Being paid I hereby order the Residue of my Moveables to be Equally Devided Between my three Children viz. Benjamin Samuel and Eunice.

Lastly, I Nominate And appoint my two sons, Namely Benjamin And Samuel Joyant Executors of this my last Will and testament and hereby Revoke and make Void my former will or wills By me made

and Declared this only to Be my last will and testament. In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Sealed and Subscribed the Day and year first above written. In presents of these witnesses.

JOSEPH BEARSTOW
WILLIAM BEARSTOW
SAMUEL SPRAGUE

The Mark of Cornet
ROBERT (R.) STETSON

On the first day of March 1702-3 Before Nath'll Thomas Esqr. the said Joseph Bearstow, William Bearstow and Samuel Sprague .... made oath that they did see and here the above said Robert Stetson Sign Seal and Declare the above Wrighting to Be his Last Will and testament And that he was then of A Disposing mind to Best of there Knowledge and Judgment."

THE INVENTORY

"Scittuate the 10 of february 1702"

"An inventory of all the goods and chattels of Cornet Robert Stedson Deceased as followeth taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed."

"Item. in apparill both linen a wooling	5	10	00
Item. in money & Plate & books	2	08	00
Item. four feathor beds & furniture	27	00	00
One Coverled	1	10	00
Item twenty five pair of Sheets	20	01	00
in household linen pillow coats & table-clothes Napkins Towels	5	15	00
In new linning woolling cloth and leather	03	08	00
in pewter new & old	5	07	00
in Brass new & old	06	00	00
more in Iron	04	08	00
Iron old & new	2	16	06
one old bed aflock bed & beding & baskets	2	00	00
in woll thread cooper ware & trays	1	08	00
in wooden Dishes glass bottles earthen ware & Spoons	0	08	00
in Provision beefe Porke butter cheese & Corn	4	15	00
Armes & ammunition	1	16	00
Chairs & cushings & other small things	0	15	00
in chests boxes & table	1	08	00
in sheep cattle & horse	16	05	00
in lumber	0	18	00
two piggs	0	10	00
four pound of bullets			
one shilling sence discovered			

SAMUEL CLAP
THOMAS KING
RICHARD DWELLY

CHILDREN OF CORNET ROBERT AND HONOR ( ) STETSON:

(Births from Scituate Town Records and baptisms from the records of the Second Church of Scituate.)

i JOSEPH, b. June, 1639; bap. Oct. 6, 1645.
ii BENJAMIN, b. Aug., 1641; bap. Oct. 6, 1645.
iii THOMAS, b. Dec. 11, 1643; bap. Oct. 6, 1645.
iv SAMUEL, b. June, 1646; bap. July 12, 1646.
v JOHN, b. April, 1648; bap. May 7, 1648.
vi EUNICE, b. April 28, 1650; bap. May 19, 1650.
vii LOIS, b. Feb., 1652; she was not mentioned in her father's will and probably predeceased him.
viii ROBERT, b. Jan. 29, 1653; bap. Feb. 26, 1653.
ix TIMOTHY, bap. Oct. 11, 1657. He was not mentioned in his father's will and no mention of him is found on town or Colony records. He probably died young.

I-I

JOSEPH STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR ( ) STETSON, b. June 1639 at Scituate, d. between 1722 and 1724 at Scituate (See will Plymouth Prob. 4/417); m. (1) RUTH HILAND, dau. THOMAS and ELIZABETH ( ) HILAND of Scituate. She d. soon after the birth of her son, JOSEPH, JR. (1667). He m. (2) PRUDENCE ( ) before 1670. He resided in Scituate.

Little has been found of the history of Joseph. He does not seem to have been prominent in the life of the community, as the only honor that is noted was that he was a constable. Joseph made his home on the home farm which remained in that branch of the family until it was purchased by the Stetson Kindred of America, Inc. He has left a large family, many of whom have become distinguished men and women.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND RUTH (HILAND) STETSON:

i JOSEPH, b. 1667.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND PRUDENCE ( ) STETSON:

ii ROBERT, b. Dec. 9, 1670.
iii LOIS, b. March 1672.
iv WILLIAM, b. Dec. 1673; d. Aug. 14, 1699.

"Wm. Studson late of Scituate, Plymouth Co." died at Yarmouth intestate (Barnstable Probate Rec. B. 2, P. 88) and his estate was divided equally among his brothers and sisters. The inventory amounted to £32 16s. The estate consisted of horse, saddle, male pillion, guns, etc.

v DESIRE, b. Sept. 1676.
vi PRUDENCE, b. Sept. 1678.
vii SAMUEL, b. Dec. 1679.
viii HANNAH, b. June 1682.

1-2

CAPT. BENJAMIN STETSON (*Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and HONOR ( ) STETSON, b. Aug. 1641 at Scituate, d. May 4, 1711. (His estate was settled in 1715.) He m. BETHIA HAWKE of Hingham, dau. of MATTHEW and MARGARET ( ) HAWKE, on Aug. 15, 1665, at Hingham by Rev. Peter Hobart. He resided at "Bald Hill," Scituate.

Matthew Hawke, the father of Benjamin's wife, was Grammar School Master and Town Clerk of Hingham as recorded in Rev. Peter Hobart's Journal and by the Hingham records. His son, Capt. James Hawke, brother of Bethia, was grandfather of John Hancock, "The Patriot," who was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence and several years governor of Massachusetts. Bethia's sister, Sarah, married John Cushing of Scituate, who was called "the Father of Judges," and Sarah was the mother of the first Judge John Cushing and the ancestor of the long line of judges that followed, including William Cushing, the Chief Justice of the United States.

In the old burying ground at Hingham is a stone bearing this inscription: "Here lies ye body of Matthew Hawke, aged 74 years, Decd. December ye 11th 1684."

In 1674 the Cornet deeded to Benjamin "In consideration of the fondest love and fatherly affection which I bear to my well beloved son" a tract of land extending from the river on the east, one-half mile back to the "Comon" on the west. A part of the line on the north was from a "fork-ed Birch tree in the swamp, unto a mark-ed beech tree close by the brooke side" . . . . . "Said Robert Stetson doth by these presents reserve for himself and any that shall come of his family, and possess his habitation . . . . . a way to and from the landing place at Bald Hills, free, and without any molestation, hindrance or disturbance." The deed was witnessed by the Cornet's trusted friends and associates, Gen. James Cudworth and Isaac Chittenden. (Plymouth Rec., B. 1, p. 28.)

The career of Capt. Benjamin closely resembles that of the Cornet. He was evidently "a chip of the old block." In King Philip's War, Capt. Benjamin was one of his father's troopers. (Scituate Rec.)

In the Canada Expedition in 1690 he served in the Hingham company with Capt. Thomas Andrews, whose son Stephen married Ben-

jamin's daughter, Bethia. Benjamin returned to Scituate from the disastrous expedition, having left on the field not only his friends Capt. Andrews and Capt. Sylvester, whose non-cupative will he afterwards proved in the Plymouth Court, but also his younger brother, Ensign John Stetson, and, saddest of all, his promising second son, Matthew, 21 years old, of whom he had doubtless expected much.

For service in this expedition, Capt. Benjamin Stetson (Stutton) received "lots No. 68-67" in Andrewstown, Canada (Chesterfield, Mass.) (Mass. Archives, Vol. 36, p. 155.) (See Colonial Wars of Mass., vol. of 1898, pp. 182 and 183.)

In 1695 Scituate was one-third larger than any other town in the Colony. The militia numbered 200 men, and it became necessary to divide it into two companies. Capt. Benjamin's command on the south embraced the territory now included in the towns of Hanover, Norwell and a part of Marshfield.

The records of the Second Church show Capt. Benjamin to have been active in the affairs of the church. He was also prominent in town affairs. He represented Scituate at the Colony Court at Plymouth in 1691, and after the union of the colonies he was representative to the General Court at Boston in 1693, 1694 and 1700. (Colony Records.)

Children of Capt. Benjamin and Bethia (Hawke) Stetson:

i Benjamin, b. Feb. 16, 1668; bap. May 19, in Scituate.
ii Matthew, b. June 12, 1669; d. Nov. 1690 in the Canada Expedition. His estate consisted almost entirely of books. (Plymouth Probate Rec.) For service in the Canada Expedition his heirs were granted a tract of land in Turner, Me.
iii James, b. March 1, 1670/1.
iv Samuel, b. Oct. 1673; bap. May 11 (Ch. Rec.).
v Bethia, b. May 14, 1675.
vi Mary, b. April 21, 1678.
vii Hannah, b. June 1, 1679; m. ——— Tileston (as by her father's will), probably Timothy Tileston of Dorchester.
viii Deborah, b. Dec. 3, 1682.
ix Eunice, b. March 1683; bap. May 27th (Ch. Rec.).
x Margaret, b. Sept. 1685; d. 1686.

1-3

Thomas Stetson, (Cornet Robert), son of Robert and Honor ( ) Stetson, b. Dec. 11, 1643, at Scituate, d. 1729 or later at Scituate (Will dated July 2, 1729). He m. Sarah Dodson, dau. Anthony and Mary (Williams) Dodson, b. 1652.

The Cornet deeded to his son Thomas in 1673 a river farm of 100 acres next south of his own and north of the "Bald Hill Farm," which he deeded to Capt. Benjamin the following year. Here Thomas' twelve children were born, all of whom lived to be married. Mary, the mother of Sarah Dodson, was a sister of Capt. John Willimas, who commanded the right wing of the ambuscade at the time when King Philip fell. (Dean's Hist. of Scituate.)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND SARAH (DODSON) STETSON:
All born in Scituate.

i HANNAH, b. Nov. 1671.
ii THOMAS, b. Sept. 1674.
iii GERSHOM, b. Jan. 1676/7.
*iv SARAH, b. Jan. 1678/9; m. Ebenezer Bennet of Middleboro, April 23, 1719.
v JOSHUA, b. Jan. 1680/1.
vi CALEB, b. Mar. 1682/3.
vii ELISHA, b. Mar. 1684/5.
viii ELIJAH, b. Mar. 1686/7.
ix MARY, b. Mar. 3, 1691/2; m. Nathan Bassett of Sandwich, Oct. 28, 1712 (Sandwich V. R.). For posterity see Chatham Records where "Town Clerk Nathan Bassett" records family births and marriages.
x EBENEZER, b. July 22, 1693.
xi RUTH, b. Dec. 11, 1695; m. Nehemiah Randall of Sandwich Aug. 30, 1716 (Scituate V. R.), son of Job, the shipbuilder.
xii MARGARET, b. Aug. 4, 1698; m. Nathan Pickles, Jr., Mar. 13, 1731/2. Nathan was the son of Nathan and Miriam (Turner) Pickles.

I-4
SERGEANT SAMUEL STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and HONOR ( ) STETSON, b. June 1646 at Scituate; m. LYDIA PICKLES in 1678 at Scituate, dau. of JONAS and ALICE (HATCH) PICKLES. She was b. 1662 at Scituate. He resided at Scituate.

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*Regarding Sarah, the fourth child mentioned in this family, it is noted that Mr. Nelson W. Stetson says in his notes that she married Ebenezer Bennett of Middleboro, April 23, 1719. In the family of Robert he also has a Sarah, the daughter of Robert and Joanna (Brooks) Stetson, who married Ebenezer Bennet of Middleboro on the same day. Mr. Stetson evidently copied these entries from the genealogy of Mr. John Stetson Barry, where the same mistake is made. Mr. Barry gives as his authority for Sarah being the daughter of Thomas that she was mentioned in his will as being a Bennett.

It has not yet been determined from which of the Cornet's sons Sarah (Stetson) Bennett came, and she will be inserted in both families pending definite knowledge of her.

In the year 1700, when the Cornet was in his 89th year and just before making his will, he deeded to Samuel the house and farm on which Samuel and his family were then living. From the wording of the deed it would seem probable that Samuel had occupied the farm from the time of his marriage in 1678.

The following is from the deed given in 1700:

"I, Robert Stedson, of Scituate in consideration of the tender love and fatherly affection that I have and Beare unto my well beloved son Samuel Stedson of Scituate afors'd as also for other good causes and consideration at this time Especially hereunto moving, have given - - - my uplands and swamps now and for divers years past in the Temure and occupation of the sd. Samuel Stedson, with the edifices & buildings Erected on same."

(Plymouth Col. Deeds, B. 5, p. 15. Year 1700.) (See Stetson Kindred Booklet 5, p. 13.)

Perhaps all will agree that there can be no doubt that "these divers years past" covered the period between Sergeant Samuel's marriage, 1678, and 1700, the time when his father gave him the deed.

For nearly two hundred years this house remained undisturbed. The chimney, a familiar sight in our childhood, (N. M. S.) was a huge stack of dingy gray, strangely out of proportion to the tiny structure that surrounded it. Nevertheless, this diminutive house—called "edifice" in the deed—boasted a brick oven, "set boiler" and a fireplace so large that even the larger children could easily walk into it.

We lament the ruthless destruction some fifty years ago of this old chimney—this priceless relic of the olden time.

Samuel's name appears frequently on church and town records. As early as 1692 he was connected with the second saw mill on the "3rd Herring Brook." This continued in his family for 142 years—four generations.

In 1673 Cornet Stetson and John Bryant laid out to Charles Stockbridge 34 acres of land on the west side of the third Herring Brook one-half mile below the Cornet's mill "on account of his building a corn mill" (Scituate Records, vol. 2, p. 19). Prior to 1692, Sergeant Samuel Stetson became a partner and the mills continued in his family for five generations, i. e., Capt. Jonah, Jonah 2nd, Micah, and last, Deacon Ebenezer, who sold both "saw mill and grist mill, privileges" etc. in 1832 to Samuel Salmond (Plymouth deeds, vol. 74, p. 198).

For more than one hundred years it was known as "Jonah's Mill." It is now called by the more euphonious name "Tiffany" for Recompence Tiffany, who inherited the adjoining farm and shares in the earlier mill from his father-in-law, Charles Stockbridge, Jr.

CHILDREN OF SERGT. SAMUEL AND LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON:
All born in Scituate.

i SAMUEL, b. June 1679.
ii ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 1, 1682.
iii LYDIA, b. July 1683.
iv PATIENCE, b. Dec. 1687; m. Isaac Jones Nov. 20, 1711 (Rochester Rec.).
v JONAH, b. Apr. 1691.
vi MARY, b. June 1692.
vii JOHN, b. Mar. 1694.
viii SILAS, b. June 1696.
ix SETH, b. June 1698.
x NATHANIEL, b. June 1700.
xi DEBORAH, b. Oct. 1704; m. Jonathan Jackson of Scituate Oct. 30, 1732, and had Jonathan, Jr., who m. Mehitable Highland and has many descendants. (Scituate Rec.)
xii RACHEL, bap. Aug. 18, 1717; m. Samuel Stetson (1-1-7) Jan. 7, 1730. (Scituate Rec.)
xiii JUDAH, bap. May 14, 1682 (Ch. Rec.) He does not appear again on the record. He may have been a twin brother of Elizabeth and died young.

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ENSIGN JOHN STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR ( ) STETSON, b. Apr. 1648 at Scituate, d. 1690 on Phipp's Canada Expedition. He m. ABIGAIL HUDSON, (See Cornet Stetson's will, also that of John Hudson), dau. of JOHN and ANN (ROGERS) HUDSON. She d. Sept. 19, 172-, aged 67. (Scituate Rec.)

John resided in Scituate. His house stood north of Church Hill on the spot where until recently stood the mansion built by Capt. Anthony Waterman about 1768.

"In the Canada Expedition in 1690 under Sir William Phipps, at the taking of Port Royal, and the attempts upon Quebec, Scituate furnished sixteen men under Capt. Joseph Sylvester, Lieut. Israel Chittenden, and Ensign John Stetson." (Deane, p. 130) John died in that expedition, and the inventory of his estate was taken by his brother, Capt. Benjamin.

"On the Plymouth records I find that 'at the Court holden at Plymouth the 3rd Tuesday of March 1690-1. In reference to the settlement of the estate of Ensign John Stetson, late of Scituate deceased, the Court do order that the oldest son, John, shall have and enjoy the house and land which his father died seized of, when said son shall attain to the age of 21 years; excepting his mother's thirds thereof during her life, he paying to Honour and Barnabas, his sister and brother, each of them 50 shillings when they attain the age of 21 years, or at the day of their marriage, which shall first happen to be. And the relict of the said deceased to have all the goods and chattels of said deceased, as her own proper estate, and the benefit of the said house and land till the heir come of age as aforesaid, for the bringing up of the said children, she paying to Abigail, her oldest daughter, and to Ann, her youngest, each of them 50 shillings at their day of marriage, or coming to the age of 21 years, which shall first be or happen.

Attested Samuel Sprague, Clerk.' " (Barry's Records 1847.)

In 1699 the following was entered on the Scituate records:

"And we laid another way from the road by Widow Stetson's as the way now goeth on the southerly side of Whiston's house, c/o northwestward by the corner of Whiston's land, c/o over the brook as the way goeth to the sawmill brook, c/o up the hill where we marked several trees, c/o as the way goeth until we came to the country road on the southerly side of Sandy Hill." (Scituate Rec., vol. II, p. 13.)

This is easily recognized as the road from the "Old Foster Place" to the country road in Hanover, via the "Waterman Place" and the Cornet's mill.

Thirty-six years later, 1735, we find a deed from Abigail Studley and Honour Hunt (daughters of Ensign John Stetson) to Robert Barker in consideration of £210. of "the place where he now dwells and whereon our mother, Abigail Stetson, deceased, in her life time dwelt" . . . "15 acres more or less, bounded westerly on Elijah Stetsons land; northerly on Gershom Stetson's land; easterly and southerly by the road, with buildings thereon" etc. (Plymouth Deeds, vol. 45, p. 231.)

There are similar references to the "widow Abigail Stetson's house" which make it plain that the estate of Ensign John Stetson was located north of Church Hill, and the house very near to the hill, probably the only land adjacent to that of his father and older brothers that was available at the time of his marriage.

This corner lot "east of Whiston's land, bounded on the south and east by the road" could have been none other than the corner where the Waterman mansion recently stood.

At the beginning of Philip's War the following appears on the Scituate records: "Paid John Stetson for making soulgers cloths 16 shillings 6 pence," from which we judge him to have been a tailor.

The first mention of Ensign John Stetson on the Colony records was in 1689, when it was "ordered that John Stetson have 15 shillings p'r weeke for being helpful to the commisary." (Col. Ct. Orders, Vol. VI, p. 229.)

The following year he was Ensign in Capt. Sylvester's Scituate company and died in the Canada expedition in 1690 at the age of 41 years. His estate received the share of land to which he was entitled for his services, i. e., a share of land at Ipswich, Canada, afterwards Winchendon, Mass. (See Society Colonial Wars, vol. of 1898, pp. 37-190.)

Children of John and Abigail (Hudson) Stetson:

i Abigail, b. May 1677 in Scituate.

ii John, bap. May 4, 1679 (Rec. of 2nd Ch.). His birth does not appear with the others on the Scituate records. He d. in 1730 (Prob. Rec. Plymouth 6/405). There is no record of his marriage or family.

iii Honour, b. Mar. 1684 in Scituate; d. Aug. 22, 1739; m. Thomas Hunt of Duxbury Jan. 15, 1707/8. (Winslow's Hist. of Duxbury, p. 323.) They had a large family in Duxbury.

iv Barnabas, bap. July 16, 1682 (2nd Ch. Rec.). He was *non compos mentis* and d. Dec. 27, 1742. In the settlement of his father's estate his cousin, Gershom Stetson, was appointed his guardian (Prob. Rec.), but the estate was not divided until after the death of Barnabas in 1742. In 1743 Benoni Studley, son-in-law of John and Abigail, administrator, divided the estate between the only heirs, the two sisters of Barnabas, *i. e.,* Abigail Studley and Honour Hunt.

v Anne, b. 1690; d. young.

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Eunice Stetson, (*Cornet Robert*), dau. of Cornet Robert and Honour ( ) Stetson, b. Apr. 23, 1650, at Scituate. She m. Timothy Rogers of Marshfield in 1669, son of John and Frances ( ) Rogers, b. 1650 at Scituate, d. 1728 at Marshfield. She resided at Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY AND EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS:
All born in Marshfield.

i SAMUEL, bap. Oct. 2, 1670; d. 1747.
ii EUNICE.
iii HANNAH.
iv MARY.
v TIMOTHY, bap. May 31, 1674; d. young.
vi BETHIA, probably died unmarried.
vii JOHN.
viii HONOUR.
ix TIMOTHY, b. abt. 1690.
x A daughter, whose name we do not know and who died in infancy.

Records for this family have been gathered from Marshfield and Scituate records and from Drummond's *John Rogers of Marshfield.*

1-8

ROBERT STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR ( ) STETSON, b. Jan. 23, 1653, at Scituate. He m. JOANNA (?) BROOKS in 1676 at Scituate (Barry), dau. of WILLIAM and WID. SUSANNA (DUNHAM) BROOKS. She was b. 1659 at Scituate.

Did Robert marry once or twice? He may have married second Deborah Brooks, sister of Joanna. On the Pembrook records we find "Peleg, son of Robert and *Deborah* Stetson died June 29, 1713." Deane in 1831 says "Robert married Deborah Brooks, b. 1654, daughter of William and Susanna," but 16 years later Mr. Barry, who was familiar with Deane's History, says he married her sister Joanna. He may have married both.

Of the parents of Robert's wife we find:

"William Brooks, aged 20, and his brother Gilbert, aged 14, came to New England in the ship Blessing in 1635." William was an householder in Scituate in 1644. He had married a young widow, Susanna Dunham, a niece of Mr. Timothy Hatherly. His brother Gilbert married Elizabeth, the daughter of Governor Edward Winslow.

Mr. Timothy Hatherly was prominent in the Colony government, having been Colony Treasurer, also Assistant Governor for 22 years under Governors Bradford, Prince, and Winslow. Mr. Hatherly in his will gave to "Susanna Brooks, wife of William Brooks of Scituate and to her children twelve pounds and a heffer," and added, "I acquitt her of her first husband's debt to mee." This was Mr. Hatherly's largest bequest excepting the legacy to his wife.

Robert, being the Cornet's namesake and the child of his old age, would naturally be the favored son; but there is abundant proof that Robert in his youth sowed many "wild oats" and was a source of mortification and expense to his indulgent father. The following is the clause in the Cornet's will relating to Robert:

"I give and bequeath to my son Robert my Wearing Cloaths which with what I have formerly given him I judge convenient for him."

Some have understood from this that the Cornet in a way disinherited Robert, and have imagined that he was destitute, and without doubt did find his father's old clothes "convenient"; but these overlook the fact shown on the land records at Plymouth that the Cornet, when in his eighty-eighth year, before making his will, and only a short time before his death, was "moved by lóve and fatherly affection" to give Robert a valuable "River farm" as follows:

"July ye 19—1700" "To all Cristian people to whom these presents shall come" . . . "I, Robert Stetson of Scituate" . . . In Consideration of the fondest love and fatherly affection that I have and bear to my well beloved son Robert Stetson of Duxborough and also for other good causes and considerations at this time especially hereunto moving . . . . have given, granted, aliened, enfoffed, made over, and confirmed unto said son Robert Stetson, all that my forty acres more or less of upland and meadow, lying and being within the township of Scituate on the easterly side of North River . . . . being a part of that tract called the 'two mile.'" (Plymouth Rec., vol. 3, p. 215.)

This tract, which he further describes as extending from the river back to the common lands of Marshfield, although containing only forty acres, must from its situation have been very desirable; and although certain that Robert's strenuous behavior during his "teens" had been anything but pleasing to his parents, we have every reason to believe that this had been long since overlooked by the Cornet.

It is a curious fact that every one of the Cornet's children excepting Robert was given a "Bible name," chosen evidently from the most circumspect characters of the Old and New Testament—Joseph, Benjamin, Thomas, Samuel, John, Timothy, Lois and Eunice. Not until the arrival of the sixth child did the Cornet and Honour depart from this rule. Strangely enough, Robert seems to have been the only one to cause his parents anxiety.

The year 1676 was a very eventful one in the life of Robert. In this year his suit for the hand of Joanna Brooks culminated successfully, and he began housekeeping in Scituate; but alas, this same year a

band of Narragansett Indians descended upon Scituate and burned, with many others, the home of Robert Stetson, Jr. (Deane) How long Robert remained in Scituate we do not know. The above deed would indicate that he was certainly in Duxbury before 1700. Later in 1709-10 in the "division of the common lands of Duxborough" Robert Stetson's grant of one hundred acres served as one of the boundaries in laying out the new lots, and in 1711-12, when Pembroke was incorporated, Robert Stetson with at least seven children with their families were here, and with the one hundred acres (then in Duxbury) were included in the new township of Pembroke.

From an act of the Massachusetts Legislature passed March 21, 1712, establishing the boundaries of the new town of Pembroke, we copy the following:

"from a stakeset by the Committee aforsaid in the line between the town of Duxbore and the lands belonging to Marshfield, or commonly called the Marshfield Upper Lands, about one hundred and four rods southeasterly from the most easterly corner of Robert Stetson's land whereon he now dwelleth."

One hundred and four rods northwest by west from this stake (now replaced by a stone post marked P. D.) brings us almost exactly to "the most easterly corner" of the one hundred acre grant of Robert Stetson as surveyed and accurately defined by the late Mercer Tilson. (See Tilson mss., deposited in the Cobb Library at Bryantville.)

Thus we may be certain that Robert Stetson still lived on his original grant when Pembroke was incorporated in 1712.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON:

Mr. Barry says: "The children of Robert so far as I have been able to learn anything concerning them were as follows:"

i ISAAC.
ii TIMOTHY.
iii RESOLVED.
*iv SARAH, m. Ebenezer Bennet of Middleboro, Apr. 23, 1719.
v NATHANIEL.

From Pembroke and Duxbury records we learn of others as follows:

vi PELEG. "Peleg, son of Robert and *Deborah* Stetson, d. June 29, 1713" (Pembroke Rec.).
vii AMIE.
viii BATHSHEBA.

*See note under 1-3.

I-I-I

JOSEPH STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and RUTH (HYLAND) STETSON, b. 1667 at Scituate (bap. in 2nd Church Rec.). He m. (1) HANNAH OLDHAM of Pembroke on Nov. 6, 1688, dau. of THOMAS and MARY (WITHERELL) OLDHAM (dau. of REV. WILLIAM WITHERELL of Scituate). She d. Feb. 14, 1727. (Pembroke Rec.) He m. (2) WID. MARY PERRY of Pembroke on Mar. 1, 1736 (Pembroke V.R.), bap. Sept. 2, 1742, aged 61 years. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON:

(From Scituate Rec.)

i RUTH, b. Sept. 11, 1689.
ii LOIS, b. Aug. 10, 1692.
iii BATHSHEBA, b. Sept. 29, 1693.
iv NEHEMIAH, b. June 25, 1696.
v JOSEPH, b. May 23, 1698.
vi HANNAH, b. Aug. 1, 1700.
vii HEZEKIAH, b. Aug. 29, 1703.
viii ABTHIA (or APPHIA), b. Apr. 24, 1706.
ix ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 17, 1707.
x MARY, b. Feb. 1, 1713.

I-I-2

ROBERT STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE ( ) STETSON, b. Dec. 9, 1670, at Scituate, d. 1760, aged 90 yrs. (Hanover Rec.) He m. MARY COLLAMORE, eldest dau. of CAPT. ANTHONY and SARAH (CHITTENDEN) COLLAMORE, on Jan. 12, 1692/3, at Scituate. She was b. 1667 at Scituate. He resided in Scituate.

Robert was a currier and lived near George Moore's Pond" until 1719. He then purchased of his father, Joseph, then in his 81st year, the Cornet's old home by the river and removed there with his family. (Plymouth Deeds 14/88.) His son, Anthony, continued to occupy the farm by George Moore's Pond. Robert later sold the Cornet's old farm to his son, William, and removed to Hanover.

Robert's wife's mother, Sarah Chittenden, was one of the twin daughters of Isaac Chittenden, who was killed while defending his home from the savages during King Philip's War. (Dean's Hist. Scit.)

Children of Robert and Mary (Collamore) Stetson:

i Anthony, b. Sept. 12, 1693.
ii Jemima, b. Mar. 13, 1694/5.
iii Isaac, b. Mar. 15, 1696/7; bap. 1700; drowned in Scituate off the 4th cliff in 1719. Never married.
iv William, b. June 26, 1700; bap. Nov. 5, 1704.
v Amos, b. June 18, 1703; bap. Nov. 5, 1704.
vi Martha, b. Sept. 3, 1706.
vii Gideon, b. July 19, 1709; bap. July 24th.
viii Robert, b. Sept. 3, 1710; bap. Sept. 10th.

I-I-3

Lois Stetson (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Joseph and Prudence ( ) Stetson, b. Mar. 1672 at Scituate, d. June 1, 1735, aged 64 yrs. (G. S.) Buried in 1st Church Cem., Pembroke; m. Dea. Joseph Ford of Marshfield, son of William and Sarah (Dingley) Ford, who d. Nov. 12, 1749, aged 83 years (G. S.); buried in 1st Church Cem., Pembroke. She resided at Pembroke.

I-I-5

Desire Stetson (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Joseph and Prudence ( ) Stetson, b. Sept. 1676 at Scituate. She m. Richard Sylvester of Scituate on Aug. 16, 1703, son of Israel and ( ) Sylvester. She resided at Scituate.

Children of Richard and Desire (Stetson) Sylvester:

i Desire
ii Faith.
iii Nehemiah.
iv Ruth.
v Seth.
(All on Scituate Rec.)

I-I-6

Prudence Stetson (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Joseph and Prudence ( ) Stetson, b. Sept. 1678 at Scituate. She m. Ebenezer Leach of Bridgewater on Dec. 17, 1707, son of Giles and ——— ( ) Leach.

I-I-7

Samuel Stetson (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Joseph and Prudence ( ) Stetson, b. Dec. 1679 at Scituate, d. 1761. (Ply-

mouth Probate Rec.); m. (1) ELIZABETH,* d. before 1731. He m. (2) RACHAEL STETSON (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*) on Jan. 7, 1731.

He built his house near the river on a portion of the Cornet's farm. (See deed given by his father, Joseph, May 24, 1707, and acknowledged Jan. 29, 1711.) This "gambrel roof house" is still standing (1929) and was probably built at the time as his oldest son was born Mar. 3, 1712.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON:

i ABNER, b. Nov. 3, 1712; bap. Sept. 6, 1713.
ii GEORGE, b. Nov. 6, 1714; bap. Feb. 20, 1714/15.
iii ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 27, 1717; bap. Sept. 1st.
iv JOSHUA, b. June 26, 1719. (Mr. Barry found nothing concerning him.)
v ALICE, b. Mar. 20, 1720.
vi JOSEPH, b. Mar. 25, 1724.
vii RUTH. (Not on the Scituate Rec. but is named in her father's will.)

1-1-8

HANNAH STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE ( ) STETSON, b. June 1682 at Scituate, d. May 18, 1740. She m. SOLOMON LINCOLN of Scituate on Apr. 25, 1705.

CHILDREN OF SOLOMON AND HANNAH (STETSON) LINCOLN: (From Scituate Rec.)

i HANNAH, b. 1707; m. Matthew Stetson (1-2-1-1).
ii JOSHUA, b. 1711; m. Mercy Dwelly.
iii ISAAC, b. 1713; m. Abigail Mellus.
iv DEBORAH, b. 1716; m. Israel Turner.

1-2-1

BENJAMIN STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Feb. 16, 1668, at Scituate, d. abt. 1739 at Scituate (Plymouth Prob. Rec.). He m. GRACE TURNER, dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (HILAND) TURNER, on Jan. 22, 1690, at Scituate. She was b. in 1665.

Benjamin's headstone still stands in the Second Parish Cemetery near the Turner lot, but that of his wife, Grace Turner, has been removed to make room for others.

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*We find no record of Samuel's marriage to Elizabeth, but on the records of the Second Church several of his children are called the children of Samuel and Elizabeth Stetson.

The house of Benjamin was built on the west end of Capt. Benjamin's Bald Hills Farm. The house, a fine old mansion, was burned on Christmas eve, 1897. It stood on the west side of the road (Stetson Road) on the spot where now stands the new house of Edward Haskins. Benjamin had inherited a fine tract on the "share line" in Hanover, but seemingly preferred to build his home on the old homestead.

In 1720 the town of Scituate granted to Capt. Joseph Barstow and Benjamin Stetson, 2nd, two acres of land between "Pine Hill" and "Rocky Run" in what is now the town of Hanover for the erection of a "forge and finery" (Scituate Rec.) which was built and used by them for many years. This was at South Hanover where now stands the tack works of E. Phillips & Sons.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND GRACE (TURNER) STETSON:

i MATTHEW, b. Nov. 5, 1690, in Scituate.
ii GRACE, b. Apr. 29, 1692, in Scituate.
iii MARGARET, b. Mar. 30, 1694, in Scituate; m. James Briggs Nov. 22, 1739 (?) (Barry).
iv BENJAMIN, b. July 1, 1696.
v BETHIA, b. May 4, 1699; m. Nicholas Powers, Sept. 5, 1728. (Scituate Rec.)
vi LEAH, b. May 6, 1702.
vii ABIJAH, b. July 4, 1704; bap. with Leah Sept. 24, 1704. (Ch. Rec.)

1-2-3

JAMES STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Mar. 1, 1670, at Scituate, d. before 1715. He m. SUSANNA TOWNSEND of Boston (Boston Rec.) on Nov. 26, 1696. He resided at Boston.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND SUSANNA (TOWNSEND) STETSON:

i SUSANNA, b. Dec. 13, 1697, in Boston; d. before 1715.
ii JAMES, b. Sept. 11, 1699, in Boston.
iii LYDIA, b. Jan. 1, 1701, in Boston; d. before 1715.
iv WILLIAM, b. Apr. 26, 1704.
v JOHN, b. Dec. 19, 1706; d. before 1715.

The births of these children are taken from the Boston records and the baptisms are on the records of the Second Church of Boston.

In the settlement of his father's estate, James' share was divided between his two children, which signifies that there were only two sur-

viving at that date, 1715. As we have the lines of James and William, they must have been the two surviving, although no names are given in the settlement papers.

His widow, Susanna (Townsend) Stetson, m. (2) Nov. 19, 1714, Lieut. Thomas Andrews of Hingham, who was the son of Capt. Thomas Andrews. (Hingham Rec.)

1-2-4

SAMUEL STETSON (often called "DRUMMER SAMUEL" on Scituate Rec.) (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Oct. 1673 at Scituate, d. June 23, 1760, at Hanover (formerly Scituate). He m. REBECCA TURNER on May 12, 1719.

Mr. Barry calls "Drummer Samuel" the son of Sergt. Samuel, but we have found abundant proof that he was son of Capt. Benjamin. On the Scituate records "Drummer Stetson" is called the son of "Capt. Stetson." Matthew Stetson, grandson of Capt. Benjamin, had accounts with "Uncle Samuel Stetson, Drummer." (See old account books, p. 3 of the year 1750.)

Capt. Benjamin in his will (1711) bequeaths "to son Samuel the 14 acres near Drinkwater road and near the Wolf trap." Presumably the land on which Samuel built his house a little later.

Notice should be taken of this matter because Mr. Barry supposed "Drummer Samuel" was the son of Sgt. Samuel. He was really the son of Capt. Benjamin and is given his proper place in that family rather than as Mr. Barry has him.

Deacon Samuel, whom Mr. Barry had not discovered, was the son of Sergeant Samuel and appears in his proper place in that family.

Mr. Barry says in his History of Hanover "Drummer Stetson" "was a somewhat noted man in his day his house being a tavern stand and a famous resort." Religious meetings were held here before the first meeting house was erected.

The "Drummer Stetson House" is now owned and kept in an excellent state of preservation by Dr. L. Vernon Briggs of Hanover (1928).

It is not definitely known who the wife of Drummer Samuel was, other than that she was Rebecca Turner. She may have been the daugh-

ter of Thomas Turner, Sr., b. Apr. 17, 1687, who is the only Rebecca mentioned on the Scituate records. It is thought that Drummer Samuel may have married a second time and that the second wife was Widow Mercy (Dunham) Kempton.

In "Barnstable Families" and in "Dunham Records," by Isaac Watson Dunham, A.M., we find: Mercy Dunham, b. Jan. 10, 1689; m. 1st, Ephraim Kempton; m. 2nd, Samuel Stetson of Scituate Dec. 17, 1724. This would leave a question whether Samuel, who was baptized with his sisters Feb. 19, 1726, was the son of the first or the second wife.

Children of "Drummer" Samuel and Rebecca (Turner) Stetson:

i Samuel, bap. Feb. 19, 1726; b. about 1725 (Barry).
ii Lydia, bap. Feb. 19, 1726; never m. and d. young (Barry).
iii Rebecca, bap. Feb. 19, 1726; d. Aug. 28, 1765 (Barry).

1-2-5

Bethia Stetson (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Capt. Benjamin and Bethia (Hawke) Stetson, b. May 14, 1673. She m. Stephen Andrews of Hingham on June 23, 1697, son of Capt. Thomas and Ruth ( ) Andrews. She resided at Taunton.

Children of Stephen and Bethia (Stetson) Andrews:

i Bethia, b. May 28, 1699, at Hingham.
ii Mary, b. Sept. 15, 1703, at Hingham.
iii Benjamin, b. Jan. 26, 1705/6, at Hingham.
iv ———, at Taunton.

1-2-6

Mary Stetson (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Capt. Benjamin and Bethia (Hawke) Stetson, b. Apr. 21, 1678, d. Sept. 27, 1727, at Duxbury; m. James Partridge of Duxbury on Apr. 24, 1712. (Duxbury Rec.) He d. Jan. 20, 1743. She resided at Duxbury.

1-2-8

Deborah Stetson (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Capt. Benjamin and Bethia (Hawke) Stetson, b. Dec. 3, 1662. She m. Samuel Fisher in 1710, probably the oldest son of Vigilance and Rebecca (Partridge) Fisher, b. Dec. 12, 1681, at Dedham, d. Nov. 24, 1767, at North Yarmouth, Me. She resided at North Yarmouth, Maine.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND DEBORAH (STETSON) FISHER:

i REBECCA, b. Aug. 25, 1717, at Duxbury; m. Benjamin Prince (?).
ii SAMUEL, b. Nov. 12, 1722, at Duxbury.

It will be noted in the Fisher Genealogy that the marriage of Deborah and Samuel Fisher is given as 1710, while in Mr. Nelson M. Stetson's notes he gave the date of marriage as Dec. 24, 1705.

1-2-9

EUNICE STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Mar. 1683, bap. May 27 (Ch. Rec.). She m. DEA. JOHN JAMES of Scituate on Mar. 18, 1700. She resided at Scituate.

CHILDREN OF DEA. JOHN AND EUNICE (STETSON) JAMES:

i EUNICE, b. 1703.
ii MARY, b. 1704.
iii EUNICE, b. 1706.
iv JOHN, b. 1709.
v BENJAMIN, b. 1711.
vi LYDIA, b. 1713.
vii ELISHA, b. 1715.
viii ZIPPORAH, b. 1717; m. Elisha Randall; d. aged 98.

1-3-1

HANNAH STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Nov. 1671 at Scituate. She m. DEACON JOHN FOSTER of Marshfield on Nov. 16, 1692. (Davis: Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth.)

CHILDREN OF DEA. JOHN AND HANNAH (STETSON) FOSTER:

i MARY, b. 1694; m. (1) William Bradford; m. (2) William Partridge.
ii SARAH, b. 1696; m. William Bartlett.
iii MERCY, m. Ebenezer Morton of Middleboro.
iv SAMUEL.
v JOHN, b. 1699.
vi THOMAS, b. 1705.
vii ICHABOD, b. 1707.
viii GERSHOM, b. 1709.
ix NATHANIEL, b. 1711.
x SETH, b. 1713.

1-3-2

THOMAS STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Sept. 1674 at Scituate, d. between 1740 and 1754. His will was dated May 21, 1740, and he is named as being dead in his brother GERSHOM'S will in 1754. He m. MARY BALSTON, of Boston, dau. of NATHANIEL and REBECCA ( ) BALSTON, on Nov. 18, 1715. She was b. May 6, 1697. (Boston Rec.)

Thomas was a blacksmith and lived on Orange Street in Boston. From his inventory of estate we find listed:

Mansion House on Orange Street., valued at £140.
Land lying on Summer St. 55-6-8
(Boston Prob. Rec.)

The administrators of his estate were his sons, John Stutson of Boston and Ebenezer Stutson of Watertown. (Suffolk Deeds.)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARY (BALSTON) STETSON:

i THOMAS, b. July 25, 1719; d. Jan. 27, 1721.
ii JOHN, b. Jan. 12, 1720.
iii THOMAS, b. Apr. 23, 1722; d. Feb. 16, 1725.
iv EBENEZER, b. May 20, 1724.
v SARAH, b. Feb. 13, 1725; m. Thomas Oliver of Boston, Jan. 15, 1746 (Boston Rec.).
vi THOMAS, b. Aug. 5, 1728; d. June 27, 1729.
vii LYDIA, b. Apr. 6, 1718, at Boston; m. Nathan Safford, Oct. 10, 1737, by Rev. Thomas Foxcroft.

1-3-3

GERSHOM STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Jan. 1676/7 at Scituate, d. Apr. 5, 1754, at Scituate. Buried in "Church Hill." Head stone in fine state of preservation. He m. (1) MARY HOLMES of Scituate on Nov. 28, 1707, who d. Sept. 9, 1708. He m. (2) ANNIE KING on Jan. 29, 1712/13, dau. of DEACON THOMAS and ELIZABETH (CLAP) KING (dau. of ELDER THOMAS CLAP).

In deeds he is recited as "Dealer," "Weaver" and "Shopkeeper," and is mentioned in Town Records as "Selectman." He lived north of Church Hill. In the records of the Second Church he is referred to as "Sergeant."

He was evidently named for his mother's brother, Gershom Dodson, who was killed the year Gershom was born, in battle with King Philip at Rehoboth.

His estate was appraised as personal £543. and real £148. One of his bequests was to the children of his son Caleb, deceased. His will was dated Mar. 27, 1754.

Gershom was very active in the Second Church, serving continually as Assessor and Collector and on numerous church committees. Mr. Barry quotes the following extract from the Second Church record:

"Whereas complaint is mad of divers badd men and women and boys and Garles on Sabbath days mack desturbance in the meeting house and else ware for Remeday The day above sd. th precinct mad choice of Mr. Peter Collomer, Mr. Gershom Stetson, Samuel Curtis jun., Elisha Silvester and Gilbord broocks to be added to the former comity to suppress all disorders on Sabbath daysboth in the time of divine sarvis and in vacancy between the publick exercise."

This was in 1732.

CHILD OF GERSHOM AND MARY (HOLMES) STETSON:

i CALEB, b. Sept. 1708.

1-3-5

JOSHUA STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Jan. 1680/1 at Scituate, d. May 1739. (Probate at Suffolk Co., Mass., and Newport, R. I.) He m. SARAH ( ).

Joshua Stetson was "General Sealer of Weights and Measures" and "Packer" for the Colony of Rhode Island continuously from May, 1719 to 1739. In 1740 a new official was chosen "in Place of Caleb Stutson, deceased." (R. I. Civil and Military List.) "Joshua Stetson of Newport Colony, R. I., Cooper" sold land in Hanover to his brother Thomas Jan. 21, 1730. (Plymouth Land Records 26/49.) In 1737 "Joshua Stetson, set works cooper of Newport, R. I." purchased a house and extra lot on Orange Street, Boston and 22 years later his "daughter Mary Cowell" sold this "house on Orange St., being sole owner of same." (Suffolk deeds 115/218 1759.)

Gershom Stetson in his will speaks of children of his deceased brother Joshua.

During the Revolutionary War the records of Newport, R. I., were taken by the British and sunk near Hell Gate in New York Harbor. They were later recovered, and recently by a new process they

have been partially restored and are kept in vaults of the Newport Historical Society. Here we found the "Inventory of Estate of Joshua Studson of Newport, cooper" as accepted by "wife Sarah" Mar. 29, 1740.

The house and shop were on Thames Street at "West Cove," and the items principally cooper's stock in trade and tools.

It seems very probable that Joshua had children between 1700 and 1719. Where were they born and what became of them? Were they the ancestors of several Stetson families who trace their origin to Rhode Island and whose missing links are lost in the confused and scanty records of early Rhode Island town records?

CHILD OF JOSHUA AND SARAH ( ) STETSON:

i MARY (Suffolk Deeds 115/218); m. Joseph Cowell at Newport, R. I., Jan. 13, 1726 (Records of Trinity Church, Newport).

1-3-6

CALEB STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 1682/3 at Scituate. He m. SARAH BREWSTER of Duxbury on Mar. 4, 1705. (Duxbury Rec.)

Sarah Brewster, the wife of Caleb Stetson, was the great-granddaughter of Elder William Brewster through his son Love and grandson Wrestling.

Caleb and Sarah lived in that part of Plymouth which was later "set off as a seperate parish" and afterwards incorporated as the town of Kingston. Caleb was a ship builder at Jones River at a very early date. Nov. 12, 1714, Ephraim Bradford granted to Wrestling Brewster 13 acres "att Jones River near ye landing Place where Caleb Stetson's building yard was wont to be." (Plymouth Deeds 11/76.)

In 1725 "Caleb Stetson, shipwright" purchased of Wrestling Brewster, house, land, etc., on the country road and a half interest in the landing place near Jones River. (Plymouth Deeds.)

CHILDREN OF CALEB AND SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON:
(From Plymouth Records.)

i ABISHA, b. Feb. 22, 1706, at Plymouth.
ii ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 14, 1709, at Plymouth.
iii BARZILLA, b. Dec. 17, 1711, at Plymouth.
iv JOSHUA, b. Apr. 21, 1714, at Plymouth.

v Jerusha, b. June 30, 1716. "Jerusha Stetson died of old age Dec. 14, 1795, aged 80." (Kingston Rec.)
vi John, b. Dec. 18, 1718.
vii Jedediah, b. Sept. 12, 1721.

1-3-7

Elisha Stetson (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Thomas and Sarah (Dodson) Stetson, b. Mar. 1684/5 at Scituate, d. Feb. 11, 1755, at Kingston, aged 69 yrs., 11 mos., 13 days. He m. Abigail Brewster, dau. of Wrestling and ——— ( ) Brewster, on Oct. 28, 1707. (Winsor's Hist. of Duxbury, p. 323.) She d. May 6, 1761, aged 78 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days.

Abigail Brewster was a sister of Sarah, who married Caleb, the brother of Elisha, and also a great-granddaughter of Elder William Brewster.

Elisha and his family lived in a large house by the Jones River bridge, Plymouth (now Kingston), which was occupied by three generations of his descendants.

Elisha was a cordwainer. (See Stetson Kindred booklet No. 6.)

Children of Elisha and Abigail (Brewster) Stetson:

The five children were all baptized Mar. 19, 1721, and the births are all recorded in Plymouth.

i Sarah, b. Aug. 28, 1708.
ii Egloth, b. Oct. 7, 1710.
iii Zeresh, b. Nov. 28, 1712.
iv Hopestill, b. May 21, 1715.
v Elisha, b. Jan. 30, 1719, at Kingston.

1-3-8

Elijah Stetson (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Thomas and Sarah (Dodson) Stetson, b. Mar. 1686-7 at Scituate, d. July 14, 1775, aged 89 years. (Hanover V. R.) He m. Ruth Chittenden on Nov. 17, 1710, at Scituate.

Children of Elijah and Ruth (Chittenden) Stetson:

i Elijah, b. June 15, 1711, at Scituate; bap. Apr. 7, 1723. (Rec. 2nd Ch. Scituate.)
ii Joshua, b. May 2, 1713, at Scituate; bap. July 28, 1728. (Rec. 2nd Ch. Scituate.)
iii Nathaniel, bap. Mar. 31, 1723.
iv Elizabeth, bap. Mar. 31, 1723.

v SIMEON, bap. Mar. 31, 1723. Of him Mr. Barry found no further record, nor have we. Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Simeon were baptized with their mother as above.
vi LUKE, bap. May 15, 1726. (Hanover Rec.)
vii RUTH, bap. May 10, 1730. (Hanover Rec.)

1-3-9

MARY STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 3, 1691/2, at Scituate. She m. Nathan Bassett of Sandwich on Oct. 28, 1712. (Sandwich V. R.) She resided at Chatham.

1-3-10

EBENEZER STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. July 22, 1693, at Scituate, d. Dec. 22, 1778, in the old house by the river where he was born. He m. LYDIA BARKER of Scituate, dau. of CALEB and ——— ( ) BARKER of Pembroke (Plymouth Deeds 26/106), on Apr. 2, 1728 (Duxbury Rec.). She d. Oct. 20, 1776, at Scituate.

When first married Ebenezer lived in Dighton. He later returned to Scituate and built his house at the west side of Church Hill, and still later by purchase from his brothers and sisters came into possession of his father's farm by the river.

He was a builder. In 1749 he leased of his cousin, Matthew Stetson, "the ship yard at Bald Hill" where he and his sons built in 1749-1752 several large vessels.

Ebenezer and Lydia are buried on Church Hill near the site of the first Episcopal Church in Plymouth Colony, which he built prior to 1731. The inscriptions on the headstones are still legible, although the stones are in bad condition.

Mr. Barry, in his history of the family, says of Ebenezer, "It is said that he was a very zealous churchman and built the church on Church Hill at his own expense."

It is remarkable how many of these traditions have since been verified. The following is from the Plymouth Records, book 29, p. 20:

"Indenture made 7th day of Jan. Ano.Dom. 1733, between Ebenezer Stetson and Lydia his wife, on the one part, and Addington Davenport, clerk and Rector of ye Episcopal Church in Scituate and wardens of sd church on the other part." Then follows the record of

the sale "to Addington Davenport for £300, a certain house built for the worship of God in Scituate and the ground on which it stands." containing "one half acre, bounded on east line from the training field, there measuring ten rods, on the south, on the land of Henry Stockbridge, 8 rods — on the west on land of sd. Stetson 10 rods — on the north on land of sd. Stetson 8 rods."

JNO. CUSHING JR. *Just Pac.*

There are records showing that Addington Davenport was the first Rector, that the church edifice was opened for divine worship Oct. 11, 1731, eight being baptized.

We judge from this that the church building was built by Ebenezer Stetson for the worship of God, on a portion of his own land, and occupied by the Society several years before it was purchased from him in 1733, for £300 by a committee of the church consisting of Rev. Addington Davenport and others.

Rev. Addington Davenport was afterwards the first Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND LYDIA (BARKER) STETSON:

i EBENEZER, b. Dec. 12, 1728.
ii SNOW, b. Mar. 1730.
iii THOMAS, b. 1732; d. aged 20 in Dighton.
iv GERSHOM, b. 1734; d. near Philadelphia of small pox. (Prob. Rec. at Plymouth 19/251.)
v ZILPHA, m. Job Clapp of Scituate on May 5, 1764. (Scituate Rec.)

1-3-11

RUTH STETSON, (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Dec. 11, 1695, at Scituate. She m. NEHEMIAH RANDALL of Sandwich, son of JOB and ——— ( ) RANDALL, on Aug. 30, 1716. (Sandwich V. R.)

1-3-12

MARGARET STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Aug. 4, 1698, at Scituate. She m. NATHAN PICKLES, JR., son of NATHAN and MIRIAM (TURNER) PICKLES, on Mar. 13, 1731/2.

1-4-1

DEACON SAMUEL STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1679 at Scituate,

d. Jan. 4, 1726/7, at Mansfield, Conn. He m. DESIRE DUNHAM, dau. of JOHN DUNHAM of Barnstable, on Mar. 11, 1712/3. She was b. Dec. 10, 1685, at Barnstable, and d. Jan. 24, 1738/9, at Mansfield, Conn. He resided at Mansfield, Conn.

Deacon Samuel Stetson was a well-to-do farmer of Mansfield and was a Deacon of the First Church of that town.

The First Church of Mansfield, Conn., was organized Oct. 10, 1710, with Eleazer Williams as Pastor, and eight brethren. Among these eight brethren was Samuel Stetson, who was Deacon at the time of his death, Jan. 4, 1726/7.

"Samuel Stetson of Scituate" purchased land in "Wyndham," Conn., in 1705 (Mansfield Land Rec.). Jan. 11, 1708, James Ross sells a tract in Mansfield "by estimation 130 acres in consideration of one yoak of oxen to me delivered by Samuel Stetson" (Mansfield Land Rec., B. 1, p. 140).

In 1709 he was allotted land on the "East side of Nachauge River" * * * "Being a part of the fifth alotment on ye crotch and by draught ye twelvth choice to be layd out in Mansfield according to ye last Voat of ye proprietors" (B. 1, p. 114, Mansfield Land Rec.). (For sketch see Stetson Kindred, B. 5, p. 49.)

In the appraisal of his estate reference is made to a debt of £1 18s. 6d. from his brother Nathaniel, which proves him a son of Sergt. Samuel.

CHILDREN OF DEA. SAMUEL AND DESIRE (DUNHAM) STETSON:

(All born in Connecticut and taken from Mansfield, Conn., Town Records.)

i SAMUEL, b. Dec. 30, 1713, at Mansfield, Conn.
ii REBECCA, b. Apr. 27, 1716, at Mansfield, Conn.
iii ELI, b. Nov. 20, 1717.
iv MARY, b. Nov. 21, 1719; d. unmarried in 1807.
v ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 18, 1721/2; m. Prince Freeman Sept. 15, 1742; d. Mar. 10, 1744, leaving no children.
vi REBECCA, b. Oct. 6, 1724; d. 1724.

1-4-3

LYDIA STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. July 1683 at Scituate, m. SAMUEL BRIGGS of Rochester on Apr. 14, 1708. She resided at Rochester. (Rochester V. R.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND LYDIA (STETSON) BRIGGS:
(From Rochester V. R.)

i JEDEDIAH, b. Nov. 27, 1708.
ii EBENEZER, b. Apr. 21, 1711.
iii SAMUEL, b. Dec. 27, 1713.
iv NATHAN, b. Sept. 21, 1716.
v LYDIA, b. Dec. 9, 1719.
vi SETH, b. Dec. 23, 1723.
vii DEBORAH, b. Nov. 15, 1726.

1-4-5

JONAH STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Apr. 1691 at Scituate, d. 1766. He m. MERCY TURNER, dau. of JONATHAN and MERCY (HATCH) TURNER, on May 31, 1720. She was b. 1690 and d. May 1773, aged 82 years. (G. S.) He resided at Scituate.

In an old account book kept by Matthew Stetson on an adjoining farm, he is called "Lieut. Jonah" in 1750, and "Capt. Jonah" after 1753, from which it is evident that he was Captain of the Militia at that time. Mr. Barry says, "He was a man of business note and much esteemed by his townsmen."

His wife's father, Jonathan Turner, was the oldest son of John Turner, Sr., and Mary Brewster, and Mary was the daughter of Jonathan Brewster, the eldest son of Elder William Brewster. (Ref. Scituate Rec.; Dean's History of Scituate; Brewster Genealogy.)

When Sergt. Samuel was 85 years of age, shortly before his death, he deeded to "son Jonah" as follows:

"May ye 14, 1731

"Ye one half of ye tract of land lying in Scituate both upland and meadow where I now dwell which was given me by my honored father Robert Stetson of said Scituate, deceased." (Plymouth Deeds, B. 26, p. 127.)

Here Jonah built his mansion, probably in 1720, the date of his marriage. This fine old house is still standing in excellent condition.

CHILDREN OF JONAH AND MERCY (TURNER) STETSON:

i JONAH, b. July 1721; bap. Feb. 25, 1722.
ii EUNICE, bap. Nov. 29, 1724, in Scituate; m. George Stetson (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*) (1-1-7-2), May 10, 1742.
iii MICAH, bap. July 1729 in Scituate "in private, being sick." He d. soon after.

1-4-6

MARY STETSON (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. June 1692 at Scituate. She m. JOSEPH PITCHER on Oct. 21, 1714.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND MARY (STETSON) PITCHER:

i LYDIA, b. May 14, 1717; m. June 5, 1735 Gideon Stetson (1-1-2-7).

1-4-7

JOHN STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Mar. 1694 at Scituate, d. Jan. 13, 1786, at Scituate. He m. (1) RELIEF (or HANNAH) EWELL, dau. of GERSHOM (?) and SUBMIT ( ) EWELL, on July 27, 1727. He m. (2) ABIGAIL CROCKER, dau. of DANIEL and RUTH (CHIPMAN) CROCKER. He m. (3) RUTH PENNIMAN of "Brantray," Int. June 13, 1741, who d. Apr. 20, 1791, aged 82 yrs.

John Stetson lived on the ancient Wanton place which he bought, together with the ship yard, in 1730, says Mr. Barry. He was a prominent Episcopalian, which probably accounts for his being published as a Tory in the early days of the Revolution. His burial place, with the family grave stones, may yet be seen near the site of the ancient Episcopal Church on Church Hill in Scituate. He was a shipbuilder and a man of much property, and he built the first tide mill at Scituate Harbor. (Scituate Rec.)

Of his family we read on the records of the Second Church the following note: "Hannah Ewell, daughter of Gershom Ewell and Submit, his relict, and wife of John Stetson of Marshfield, was baptized in private Sept. 25, 1728," says Mr. Barry. She probably died at that time. We do not know the connection between the names of Relief and Hannah. Both appear in the records.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ABIGAIL (CROCKER) STETSON:

i JOHN, b. 1734; d. Apr. 9, 1754, aged 20 yrs.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND RUTH (PENNIMAN) STETSON:

ii LYDIA, b. Sept. 5, 1742; d. Apr. 25, 1821, unmarried.
iii MARY, b. 1744; d. June 1745.
iv MARY, b. Jan. 22, 1747; d. Dec. 4, 1832, unmarried. She was known as "Molly" and lived on her father's place by the river, then known as "The Molly Stetson Place." This was originally the home of the Wantons, who were Quakers. The place is sometimes confounded with "The Molly Stetson Place" at George Moore's Pond a generation later.

v SAMUEL, b. 1748.
vi ELEANOR, remembered as a very beautiful woman. She m. Dr. Charles Stockbridge of Scituate and lived on the ancient "Stockbridge Place." Her only son, Dr. Charles, Jr., died unmarried, but she has posterity by way of her daughter, Ruth, who m. the grandson of Rev. Ebenezer Thompson, Rector of St. Andrews. The late Rev. Ebenezer Thompson, D.D., of Sarasota, Fla., was her grandson.
vii RUTH, who d. at the age of 21 years.

1-4-8

SILAS STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1696 at Scituate, d. Nov. 27, 1772, at Scituate; m. MARY BRACKETT, Int. Dec. 3, 1743, at Scituate. He resided on the old homestead.

CHILD OF SILAS AND MARY (BRACKETT) STETSON:

i SILAS, b. Mar. 1, 1759.

1-4-9

SETH STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1698 at Scituate; m. ELIZABETH ROSE of Hanover, dau. of JEREMIAH and ——— ( ) ROSE, on Apr. 19, 1727. She was b. Sept. 13, 1703, and d. Sept. 4, 1787, aged 83 years. He resided in Hanover, near the Centre.

Seth Stetson served as "Town Warden." In Matthew Stetson's account book appears an itemized account beginning Jan. 10, 1761, of the iron work of a sizable vessel for Seth Stetson, from which it appears that Seth was a shipbuilder on North River in 1761.

CHILDREN OF SETH AND ELIZABETH (ROSE) STETSON:
(Births all from Hanover Rec.)

i ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 2, 1732; d. unmarried.
ii ELI, d. Dec. 12, 1734.
iii SETH, b. June 4, 1735.
iv THOMAS, b. Nov. 1737; d. Nov. 19, 1739.
v JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 8, 1740.
vi THOMAS, b. July 23, 1741.
vii SAMUEL, b. June 1744; d. Apr. 17, 1748.

1-4-10

NATHANIEL STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1700 at Scituate; d.

Jul. 28, 1753; m. Rebecca Brisco of Hanover on Feb. 13, 1738 (Hanover Rec.). He resided in Hanover Centre near his brother, Seth.

Rebecca, after the death of her husband, Nathaniel, m. for her second husband David Cudworth of Scituate in 1760.

In the appraisal of the estate of Deacon Samuel Stetson at Mansfield Feb. 25, 1726/7, we find a debt from his brother, Nathaniel, for £1 18s. 6d. (See Stetson Kindred, B. 5.)

Children of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Brisco) Stetson:
(Births from Hanover Rec.)

i Freelove, b. Sept. 18, 1738; d. Sept. 13, 1824.
ii Rebecca, b. May 1743.
iii Ruth, b. 1746.

I-4-II

Deborah Stetson (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Sergt. Samuel and Lydia (Pickles) Stetson, b. Oct. 1704 at Scituate, m. Jonathan Jackson of Scituate on Oct. 30, 1732. (Scituate Rec.)

Child of Jonathan and Deborah (Stetson) Jackson:

i Jonathan, m. Mehitable Highland and had many descendants.

I-5-I

Abigail Stetson (*John, Cornet Robert*), dau. of John and Abigail (Hudson) Stetson, b. May 1677 at Scituate, m. Benoni Studley on Dec. 22, 1701. She resided at Hanover.

Children of Benoni and Abigail (Stetson) Studley:
(From Hanover Rec.)

i Abigail, b. 1702.
ii John, b. 1704.
iii Joshua, b. 1707.
iv Gideon, b. 1710.
v Sarah, b. 1716.
vi Benoni, b. 1720.

I-5-3

Honour Stetson (*John, Cornet Robert*), dau. of John and Abigail (Hudson) Stetson, b. Mar. 1684 at Scituate, d. Aug. 22, 1739; m. Thomas Hunt of Duxbury on Jan. 15, 1707/8.

1-6-1

SAMUEL ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. Oct. 2, 1670, at Marshfield, d. 1747; m. JAEL HUET, dau. of EPHRAIM and ELIZABETH (FOSTER) HUET, on Dec. 3, 1697. She was born Mar. 15, 1673/4. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND JAEL (HUET) ROGERS:
All born in Marshfield.

i RUTH, bap. in 1699.
ii ELIZABETH, bap. in 1701.
iii SAMUEL, bap. June 23, 1706.
iv MARY, bap. June 23, 1706.
v JAEL, bap. Aug. 8, 1708.
vi SUSANNA, bap. Oct. 8, 1710.
vii EBENEZER, bap. Oct. 24, 1714.
viii SARAH, bap. June 16, 1717.

The baptisms are taken from the records of the Rev. Nathaniel Eeels, which were prefaced with the following entry:

"When the Revd. Mr. Lawson forsook this church, he left no catalogue of them that were baptized by him; neither is there any to be found of those that have been baptized since the death of Rev. Mr. Mighil; therefore, I thought fit soon after my ordination, to desire those that have been, and have had their children baptized since that time to give in their names to me, and according to my request many have done; whom, I have recorded." The first two were baptized before his day, the others by him. Will dated July 16, 1747, probated Oct. 31, 1747, mentions children, Samuel, Ebenezer, Mary Truant, Elizabeth Turell, Jael Harney, Ruth Porter, Sarah Holmes and Susanna Rogers. [Vol. 10, p. 518.] (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-2

EUNICE ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield, m. SAMUEL WITHERELL (grandson of Rev. Samuel Witherell), son of SAMUEL and ——— ( ) WITHERELL, on May 26, 1698, who was b. Oct. 10, 1678. Resided at Scituate. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND EUNICE (ROGERS) WITHERELL:
Born in Scituate.

i SAMUEL, b. Jan. 10, 1699/1700; d. young.
ii THEOPHILUS, b. Mar. 31, 1703.

iii Isabel, b. Feb. 20, 1704/5.
iv Daniel, b. Mar. 20, 1706/7.
v Joseph, b. June 5, 1709.
vi Samuel, b. Jan. 25, 1710/11.
vii Eunice, b. June 1, 1713.
viii Timothy, b. Aug. 10, 1715.
ix Mary, b. Nov. 29, 1716.
x Hannah, b. July 19, 1720.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield*).

1-6-3

Hannah Rogers (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of Timothy and Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, b. at Marshfield, d. before May 19, 1741; m. Samuel Lapham, son of Thomas and Mary ( ) Lapham, on Nov. 19, 1701. He was b. in 1676 and d. in 1757. Resided in Marshfield.

Children of Samuel and Hannah (Rogers) Lapham:
Born in Marshfield.

i David, m. Rebecca King Dec. 4, 1727.
ii Hannah, m. William Stetson (1-1-2-4) Nov. 21, 1723.
iii Elizabeth, m. ——— Sherman.
iv Mercy, m. ——— Elwell.
v Joshua, b. Dec. 22, 1710.
vi Thankful, m. Joseph King.
vii Mary.
viii Lydia.

These (except Joshua) are given in the order named in the will dated Feb. 10, 1747/8, probated Mar. 24, 1757, which mentions children, David, Joshua, Hannah Stetson, Elizabeth Sherman, Mercy Ewell, Thankful King, Mary Lapham and Lydia Lapham. By will Samuel gives to David the lot which "I had of my father Timothy Roggers." (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-4

Mary Rogers (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of Timothy and Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, b. at Marshfield, m. John Carver, son of William and Elizabeth (Foster) Carver, on Dec. 22, 1709, who was b. Dec. 1, 1683. She resided at Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY (ROGERS) CARVER:
Born in Marshfield.

i MARY, b. Apr. 12, 1713.
ii CALEB, b. Apr. 5, 1715.
iii JEMIMA, b. Dec. 8, 1716.
iv A daughter, b. Aug. 28, 1727.

This is quite certainly incomplete, but no other data have been obtained. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

30 1-6-7

JOHN ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield, d. 1762; m. (1) HANNAH SPRAGUE, dau. of SAMUEL and SARAH (CHILINGSWORTH) SPRAGUE, on Dec. 11, 1700. He m. (2) SARAH (WING) TURNER (widow), dau. of ELISHA and MEHITABLE (BUTLER) TURNER of Wareham, who was b. May 4, 1708, and d. about 1748. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND HANNAH (SPRAGUE) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i HANNAH, b. Feb. 9, 1701/2.
ii SARAH, b. Sept. (Dec.) 26, 1705.
iii STEPHEN.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SARAH (WING) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

iv ELIZABETH (BETTY), b. Feb. (Apr.) 5, 1731.
v A daughter who probably d. young.

It is probable that there were other children by the first wife, but none have been identified.

Thomas Stockbridge was appointed his administrator June 7, 1762; there was no real estate; the papers described him as a tailor, as his father was before him. His estate was insolvent.

An indenture, dated Oct. 17, 1710, shows that Hannah Rogers, wife of John Rogers of Marshfield, was the daughter of Hon. Samuel and Sarah Sprague and was then living. Several deeds from John Rogers, tailor, between 1710 and 1744 have been found, to none of which was his wife Hannah a party. By deeds dated June 18, 1743, and July 12, 1744, are signed by his wife Sarah.

His son Stephen has not been traced. The only mention made of him that has been found, other than in father's deeds, is a deed from

Stephen, in which his wife Sarah joins, to his father, John Rogers, tailor, of Marshfield. (Plymouth Deeds 36/166)

There were two children by the second wife. Elisha Wing of Wareham, in his will (1752) mentioned "Philip Turner, the son of my daughter, Sarah," "and the two children of my daughter Sarah, left by her husband, John Rogers." And Elizabeth Wing, daughter of Elisha, in her will (1756) gave a legacy to Philip Turner, son of her sister, Sarah Rogers, and also to "Betty Hoxie, wife of Silas Hoxie, and daughter of my said sister, Sarah Rogers." (Plymouth Probates 14/199 and 326)

The identification of the John who married the widow Sarah (Wing) Turner was established by Mr. Drummond in his "John Rogers of Marshfield," by a deed from Betty (Rogers) Hoxie and court records, which the accidental discovery of the deed led to finding.

Betty (Rogers) Hoxie conveyed real estate which came to her as the heir of Stephen Stockbridge (1-6-7-1-3), son of Thomas and Hannah (Rogers) Stockbridge. She became his heir under the then existing law (which was soon changed), whereby a man dying without children, father or mother, brothers or sisters, nephews or nieces, would leave his surviving uncles and aunts to inherit his property to the exclusion of children of deceased uncles and aunts. The nearest relatives which Stephen left besides Betty Hoxie, were cousins; therefore, as Betty inherited his property, she must have been his aunt, which she could be only as the half-sister of his mother, Hannah Rogers, and the John whom Betty's mother married must have been Hannah's father.

1-6-8

Honour Rogers (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of Timothy and Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, b. at Marshfield. She m. William Torrey, for his second wife, on July 12, 1711, son of Deacon James and Elizabeth (Rawlins) Torrey, b. 1683. She resided at Scituate.

Children of William and Honour (Rogers) Torrey:

Born in Scituate.

i Honour, b. Dec. 18, 1711; m. Joshua Pratt Feb. 4, 1741/2.
ii William, b. Dec. 22, 1713; d. in infancy.
iii Hannah, b. Sept. 25, 1715.
iv William, b. Apr. 17, 1718.

v Samuel, b. June 2, 1720.
vi Mercy, b. Aug. 4, 1722.
vii Eunice, b. Mar. 31, 1725.

These are the children shown in the town records of Scituate, but there were certainly others. Joanna Butler mentions in her will in 1745:

viii Jemima.
ix Keziah.

and calls them Torrey and describes them as her "cousins." The children of Honour Rogers would be her cousins, and they seem to be the only ones by the name of Torrey who could have come within any meaning of that word.

Among the deaths of Scituate is recorded:

x Japhet.

"Japhet, the son of Honour Torrey, and servant of Mr. Recompence Tiffany" was drowned Mar. 18, 1736/7. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9

Timothy Rogers (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of Timothy and Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, b. about 1690 at Marshfield, d. Dec. 10, 1763. He m. Lydia Hatch, dau. of Israel and Elizabeth (Hatch) Hatch, on Feb. 9, 1719/20. She was b. Oct. 16, 1699, and d. Nov. 5, 1766. Resided at Marshfield.

Children of Timothy and Lydia (Hatch) Rogers:
All born in Marshfield.

i Timothy, b. in 1720.
ii Israel, b. Nov. 22, 1722.
iii Peleg, b. Nov. 26, 1725.
iv Lydia.
v Amos, b. about 1728.
vi Zaccheus, b. July 1731 (perhaps 1730).
vii Adam, b. Feb. 4, 1732/3.
viii Elizabeth.
ix Jane.
x Eunice.

These names are not arranged in the order of births. The dates of births given are taken from records in possession of descendants, and when only the year is given, that is found from the age given at date of death. If these are all correct, we ought to be able to arrange the order with comparative accuracy, but Lydia was married in 1743, and Elizabeth is mentioned in a will dated Jan. 3, 1733/4, so they must come nearer the head of the list. Will dated July 6, 1763, probated Dec. 27,

1763, mentions wife, Lydia, and children, Timothy, Adam, Amos, Israel, Peleg, Zaccheus, Lydia, Lewis, Elizabeth Tolman, Jane Oldham, and Eunice Ford.

Will of Israel Hatch, dated Jan. 3, 1733/4, probated Nov. 8, 1740, mentions daughter Lydia, wife of Timothy Rogers, and two granddaughters, Lydis and Elizabeth Rogers. (Vol. 8, p. 248.) (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-8-1

ISAAC STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON. He m. ELIZABETH PRAY, dau. of EPHRAIM and ELIZABETH (HAYDEN) PRAY, of Marshfield.

Isaac was a partner with his father and brothers in the "Mill on the Herring Brook" in Duxbury in 1707, but he was in Pembroke after 1712. (Early files of the Supreme Court, Boston.)

The next year after Mr. Barry published his record (1848) he called on Mrs. Content Crocker, a daughter of John Stetson and a granddaughter of Isaac. She told Mr. Barry that her grandmother was Elizabeth Pray of Marshfield, and said she remembered her well. (Barry's Private Notes.)

The widow Elizabeth married second Jeremiah Hatch. (Stetson Kindred, vol. 4, p. 102.)

CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON:

i ABISHA, b. abt. 1706. (Barry.)
ii CORNELIUS, b. Nov. 1708. (Pembroke Rec.)
iii NATHANIEL, b. Mar. 5, 1710. (Pembroke Rec.)
iv JENNET, b. Apr. 17, 1711.
v JOHN, b. Sept. 1712. (Pembroke Rec.)
vi PELEG, b. Apr. 30, 1715. (Pembroke Rec.)
vii SARAH (twin), b. 1718; m. Ebenezer Rogers, June 29, 1738, at Hanover; bap. 1739 after marriage. (Early marriages in Plymouth County.)
viii JERUSHA (twin), b. 1718.
ix AGATHA, b. abt. 1720; m. William Page, May 31, 1742. (Pembroke Rec.)
x MARY, b. abt. 1722 (Stetson Kindred, Vol. 4, p. 102); m. (1) Peleg West of Kingston, Mar. 8, 1743/4 (Pembroke Rec.); m. (2) ——— Spear.
xi HANNAH, d. 1759; m. ——— Berry. (Probate Rec.)
xii ELIZABETH. (Stetson Kindred, Vol. 4.)

1-8-2

TIMOTHY STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON, d. 1759. We have found no record of wife or family.

We find from the probate records of Plymouth County that John Stetson, nephew of Timothy, was the administrator of his estate. From the following notes it seems evident that Timothy was an energetic inhabitant of Pembroke many years before its incorporation, a mill owner and a mill-wright, and at one time (1719) a proprietor in Middleboro.

On May 1, 1707, "Timothy Stetson of Duxbury in consideration of £10." gave "Lambert Despard, Robert Stetson, John Howland, Josiah Barker, Gershom Stetson, Isaac Stetson and William Holmes Free Liberty to build, erect or set up any mill or mills or ways upon ye land and stream commonly called Herring Brook in Duxbury." (Pembroke after 1712)

This was on "ye land I bought of Lambert Despard." "Sd Timothy Stetson to receive one eighth part product of said mill or mills." (Early files of the Supreme Court in Boston.)

In 1712 he sold land in Duxbury to John Thomas. (Plymouth deeds, vol. 17, p. 47.)

In 1719 Timothy Stetson mortgaged his farm in Middleboro to the "Prov. of Mass. Bay" "in the 5th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George by Grace etc. etc." consisting of "3 lots in ye purchase called ye Sixteen Shilling Purchase in Middleborough" being "ye 56 lot together with all ye houses, buildings, stables" and many other things." (Plymouth Deeds, 1719.)

He was chosen a member of the grand jury for trials at Plymouth in 1722. (Pembroke records.)

In 1730 Isaac Barker of Pembroke sued Timothy Stetson for using old timbers in building his mill. "One Joseph Tabbs, of full age, tesitfieth and saith that he did work with and for Timothy Stetson in building ye sawmill now in contraversie between the said Stetson and Barker . . . Barker told me he was to pay Stetson £37.10s for building of ye mill and that Stetson was to put in ye timbers of ye old mill . . . Never heard Barker make any complaint, but he set her to work a few days after she was finished." Verdict, "We find for defense and cost of court." (Early files of Supreme Court, Boston.)

1-8-3

Resolved Stetson (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of Robert and Joanna (Brooks) Stetson, d. 1749 (Plymouth Probates, vol. 11, p. 104.) He m. Abigail Crocker on Jan. 14, 1716/17. (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

We find no record of wife or family of Resolved.

In 1637 Robert Stetson, Jr., of Pembroke deeded "to son Resolved husbandman" 61 acres, "being a part of the farm on which I now dwell." (Plymouth Deeds, vol. 31, p. 57.) In 1739 Resolved Stetson deeded to the Town of Pembroke "dwelling house and land in Pembroke whereon I now dwell" "the land I bought of my father . . . being under great difficulties on account of a great sore . . . they having taken into their consideration the great difficulty of my circumstances." The town chose Joseph Ford (his cousin's husband) and John Magoun "to provide all things necessary for my cure and care." (Plymouth Deeds, vol. for year 1739.)

1-8-5

Nathaniel Stetson (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of Robert and Joanna (Brooks) Stetson, d. Apr. 12, 1713. (See broken headstone in Second Parish cemetery.) He m. Susanna Randall on July 28, 1710. (She m. (2) John Holmes Nov. 25, 1714.) (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

Child of Nathaniel and Susanna (Randall) Stetson:

i Susanna, b. June 9, 1712 (Scituate Rec.); d. Oct. 23, 1715. (Plymouth Probates, Vol. 4, p. 3, and Vol 3, p. 398.)

This was their only child.

1-8-7

Amie Stetson (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Robert and Joanna (Brooks) Stetson. She m. Ebenezer Bishop on Nov. 20, 1710. (Winsor's Hist. of Duxbury.) Resided at Pembroke.

Children of Ebenezer and Amie (Stetson) Bishop:
(From Pembroke Rec.)

i Jonathan, b. Mar. 3, 1716.
ii Tabitha, b. Jan. 7, 1718.
iii Margaret, b. July 29, 1721.

We do not know whether there were children born before 1716 or if there were others born after 1721.

1-8-8

Bathsheba Stetson (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Robert and Joanna (Brooks) Stetson. She m. William Holmes Nov. 22, 1715. Resided at Pembroke.

Children of William and Bathsheba (Stetson) Holmes:
(From the Pembroke Rec.)

i William, b. June 21, 1716.
ii Hannah, b. Jan. 26, 1717/8.
iii Simeon, b. Nov. 3, 1721.
iv Hezekiah, b. Jan. 25, 1727/8.

1-1-1-1

Ruth Stetson (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Oldham) Stetson, b. Sept. 11, 1689, at Scituate. She m. William Bryant of Pembroke May 7, 1712.

Children of William and Ruth (Stetson) Bryant:
(From Pembroke V. R.)

i Abthia.
ii Egatha.
iii Hannah.
iv Nehemiah.
v Ruth.
vi William.

1-1-1-2

Lois Stetson (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Oldham) Stetson, b. Aug. 10, 1692, at Scituate, bap. Oct. 18, 1713, aged 22. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.) She m. Jonathan Daues Feb. 10, 1714. (Pembroke V. R.)

Child of Jonathan and Lois (Stetson) Daues:

i Margaret "Doers," b. in Pembroke July 27, 1715; m. Andrew Bearse and had eight children in Halifax.

1-1-1-3

Bathsheba Stetson (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Oldham) Stetson, b. Sept. 29, 1693, at Scituate. She m. Samuel Gardener of Pembroke Jan. 30, 1722.

1-1-1-4

Nehemiah Stetson (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Joseph and Hannah (Oldham) Stetson, b. June 25, 1696, at Scit-

uate. He m. SARA DESPARD Dec. 30, 1718, at Pembroke. (V. R.) She d. Jan. 27, 1808. (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

CHILDREN OF NEHEMIAH AND SARAH (DESPARD) STETSON:

i JOHN, b. Sept. 4, 1720; d. Apr. 18, 1725. (Pembroke V. R.)
ii HANNAH, bap. Aug. 4, 1723. (Barry.)
iii ZEBULON, bap. Aug. 4, 1723. (Pembroke Rec.)
iv MARY, bap. Apr. 12, 1724 (Barry); d. Apr. 27, 1726. (Pembroke Rec.)
NEHEMIAH, bap. Apr. 12, 1726 (Barry); d. Apr. 27, 1726. (Pembroke Rec.)
JOHN, d. Dec. 10, 1730.
v JOHN, b. 1731 (Pembroke V. R.); bap. Feb. 13, 1732. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.)
vi MARY, bap. Mar. 19, 1727 (Barry). (Did she marry Ebenezer Spear of Scituate Oct. 10, 1749?)
vii NEHEMIAH, bap. May 9, 1729. (Barry.)
viii DEBORAH, bap. May 11, 1735.

1-1-1-5

JOSEPH STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. May 23, 1698, at Scituate. He m. (1) ABIGAIL HATCH on Dec. 26, 1727 (Pembroke Rec.); m. (2) ELIZABETH BOURNE of Pembroke, May 5, 1757. (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

Nov. 29, 1740, "Joseph Stetson 3rd and Abigail, his wife sell for £100." to a company composed of fifteen men from Taunton and elsewhere for the manufacturing of a large variety of articles his "House, premises, water privilege etc." in Pembroke, Joseph remaining a partner in the company. (Plymouth Deeds 34/23.)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND ABIGAIL (HATCH) STETSON:

i ABEL, bap. Nov. 10, 1728. He is called "oldest" in his father's will.
ii JOHN (twin), b. May 20, 1730. (Pembroke Rec.)
iii HEZEKIAH (twin), b. May 20, 1730. (Pembroke Rec.) Probably died young as he was not mentioned in his father's will.
iv HANNAH, bap. July 9, 1732. Called "Hannah Cushman" in her father's will.
v JOSEPH, b. Dec. 22, 1736. (Pembroke Rec.) Not mentioned in his father's will. His brother, Abel, was administrator of his estate in 1765. (Probate Rec.)

I-I-I-6

HANNAH STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Aug. 1, 1700, at Scituate. She m. AUSTIN BEARSE of Halifax, Oct. 21, 1736 (Barry).

CHILDREN OF AUSTIN AND HANNAH (STETSON) BEARSE: (Barry.)

i LUCY.
ii ABIJAH.
iii ZEBULON.
iv JABEZ.
v HANNAH.
vi AUSTIN.

I-I-I-8

ABTHIA (or APPHIA) STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Apr. 24, 1706, at Scituate, d. 1792 at Bridgwater. (Mitchell's Hist. Bridg.) She m. (1) MOSES WADE in 1738 (W. Bridgwater V. R.); m. (2) JONATHAN CHANDLER in 1745.

I-I-I-9

ABIGAIL STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Jan. 17, 1707, at Scituate. She m. HUDSON BISHOP on July 22, 1756. (Pembroke Marriages by Rev. Thos. Smith. N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. 1877.)

I-I-I-10

MARY STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Feb. 1, 1713, at Scituate, bap. Sept. 26, 1731. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.) She m. ISAAC OLDHAM, JR. (a grandson of THOMAS OLDHAM, whose daughter HANNAH m. JOSEPH STETSON) on Nov. 11, 1731.

I-I-2-1

ANTHONY STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Sept. 12, 1693, at Scituate, d. 1747 at Scituate. (Plymouth Prob. Rec.) He m. ANNA SMITH, dau. of JOSEPH and ANNA (HATCH) SMITH on Mar. 28, 1717, at Scituate. She m. (2) JAMES BRIGGS, Sept. 7, 1751. (Scituate Rec.) ANTHONY was a cordwainer.

Children of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson:

i Mary, b. Dec. 9, 1717.
ii Isaac, b. Oct. 19, 1719.
iii Joseph, b. Feb. 24, 1722.
iv Anna, b. June 2, 1724.
v Charles, b. Oct. 17, 1726.
vi Ezra, b. Sept. 22, 1729.
vii Elisha, b. Jan. 28, 1731.
viii Thomas, b. Apr. 22, 1734.
ix Benjamin, b. July 7, 1736.
x Abiel, b. Oct. 23, 1738.
xi Martha, b. Aug. 18, 1741.

1-1-2-2

Jemima Stetson (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Robert and Mary (Collamore) Stetson, b. Mar. 13, 1694/5, at Scituate. She m. for his second wife Daniel Damon of Scituate on July 27, 1721. (Scituate V. R.)

Children of Daniel and Jemima (Stetson) Damon:
(Scituate Rec. from 1722 to 1732.)

i Barshua.
ii Jemima.
iii Robert.
iv Amos.
v Zechariah.
vi Abiel.

1-1-2-4

William Stetson (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Robert and Mary (Collamore) Stetson, b. June 26, 1700, at Scituate, d. May 6, 1761, at Scituate, buried in South Parish Cemetery, Scituate. He m. Hannah Lapham, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Rogers) Lapham (1-6-3) (a granddaughter of the Cornet) on Nov. 21, 1723, at Scituate. She was b. Oct. 22, 1704, at Marshfield, d. Feb. 9, 1778, and is buried in South Parish Cemetery, Scituate. Resided at Scituate on land of the Cornet's farm which he bought of his father, Robert, in 1736. (Plymouth Deeds 40/2.)

William was for many years a constable and the Collector of Taxes for Scituate.

"He is supposed to have been murdered, as his body was found in North River opposite his house, and he disappeared under suspicious circumstances." (Barry)

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND HANNAH (LAPHAM) STETSON:

i JOB, b. June 3, 1724.
ii CALEB, b. May 31, 1726; d. Dec. 5, 1750. (Scituate Rec. and South Parish Cem. Rec.) In April 1745 Matthew Stetson of Bald Hill paid William Stetson 16 shillings "for mare and Caleb a day to furrow." (Old account book.)
iii WILLIAM, bap. Sept. 28, 1738, "in private."
iv STEPHEN, bap. Sept. 28, 1738, "in private."
v HANNAH, b. Jan. 18, 1731; bap. Sept. 24, 1732 (Scituate Rec.); d. Sept. 17, 1738. (South Parish Cem. Rec.)

1-1-2-5

AMOS STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. June 18, 1703, at Scituate, d. 1777 at Braintree. He m. MARGARET THAYER, dau. of BENJAMIN T. and MARGARET (CURTIS) THAYER, May 9, 1727 (Braintree Rec.), (May 7, 1728, Thayer Genealogy). She was b. June 26, 1705, at Braintree. Resided at Braintree. He was a cordwainer, also a soldier in the French and Indian War in Capt. Edward Ward's Company. (Rec. of Society of Colonial Wars, Vol. 1898.)

CHILDREN OF AMOS AND MARGARET (THAYER) STETSON:

(All the eleven children were mentioned in his will, and all except Rufus are on the records of the Congregational Church of Randolph.)

i MARGARET, b. Dec. 13, 1728. (Braintree V. R.)
ii AMOS, b. May 19, 1730. (Braintree V. R.)
iii JOHN, b. Oct. 28, 1731. (Braintree V. R.)
iv MARY, b. Mar. 14, 1733. (Braintree V. R.)
v RUFUS, b. Dec. 8, 1735.
vi SARAH, b. Apr. 20, ———; m. Samuel Mellish of Dorchester.
vii RACHAEL, m. Benjamin Lyon.
viii BENJAMIN, b. July 3, 1741.
ix GIDEON, b. 1746.
x THANKFUL, b. Feb. 8, 1746.
xi HANNAH, b. Oct. 24, 1744; m. John Niles.

1-1-2-6

MARTHA STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Sept. 3, 1706, at Scituate, d. July 19, 1738. She m. NEHEMIAH HATCH Dec. 21, 1731.

CHILDREN OF NEHEMIAH AND MARTHA (STETSON) HATCH: (Scituate Rec.)

i REUBEN, b. 1732.
ii MARY, b. 1734.
iii HANNAH, b. 1736.
iv MARTHA, b. 1738.

1-1-2-7

GIDEON STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. July 19, 1709, d. 1761. (Plymouth Prob. Rec.) He m. (1) LYDIA PITCHER, dau. of JOSEPH and MARY (STETSON) PITCHER (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*) (1-4-6-1), on June 5, 1735, b. May 4, 1717; m. (2) WID. MARY (LITTLEFIELD) PAINE, dau. of NATHANIEL and ABIGAIL ( ) LITTLEFIELD, Aug. 18, 1740, Int. July 12, 1740 (Scituate Rec.), b. Nov. 30, 1721. Resided at Scituate. He was a currier.

CHILD OF GIDEON AND LYDIA (PITCHER) STETSON:

i GIDEON, b. May 6, 1737.

CHILDREN OF GIDEON AND MARY (LITTLEFIELD) STETSON:

ii AMOS, b. Jan. 9, 1741.
iii ZENAS, b. Dec. 28, 1743.
iv LYDIA, b. Nov. 28, 1745.
v HANNAH, b. Nov. 23, 1747.
vi MARY, b. May 11, 1750.

1-1-2-8

ROBERT STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Sept. 3, 1710, at Scituate, d. Feb. 27, 1768, at Hanover. (Stetson Kindred, Bk. 4, p. 69.) He m. HANNAH TURNER of Pembroke on Nov. 25, 1738, at Pembroke. She survived her husband for over 33 years and d. very aged in 1802.

Robert lived in Hanover in a house that he built himself. Mr. Barry, in his marginal notes, says, "He was a hard worker, yet of great hospitality and disposed to enjoy life as it passed."

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND HANNAH (TURNER) STETSON:

i ROBERT, b. May 8, 1740.
ii REUBEN, b. Nov. 3, 1746; d. Jan. 24, 1769, at Hanover. Never married.
iii HANNAH, b. Sept. 15, 1728.
iv MARY, b. June 22, 1751.

v Batcheler, b. Dec. 11, 1753.
vi Caleb, b. Aug. 13, 1756; d. Sept. 21, 1774, in the West Indies.
vii Martha, b. July 28, 1760, at Hanover.
viii Jemima, b. Dec. 24, 1763; m. James Sampson and went to Bridgeton, Me.

1-1-7-1

Abner Stetson (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Samuel and Elizabeth ( ) Stetson, b. Nov. 3, 1712, at Scituate, d. Nov. 20, 1805, at Scituate. He m. Deborah Stetson (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*) (1-2-1-1-4), dau. of Matthew and Hannah (Lincoln) Stetson,* on Oct. 7, 1762, at Scituate. She was b. Nov. 10, 1737, at Scituate. Resided at Scituate where he was a ship carpenter.

Children of Abner and Deborah (Stetson) Stetson:

i Deborah, b. 1763.
ii Joshua, b. Oct. 1766.
iii Lois, b. 1768.
iv Abner, b. July 1771.
v Melzar, b. Nov. 27, 1772.
vi Rogers, b. 1775; d. Oct. 1843. He was deaf and dumb and never married. He was a farmer and was willed a share in his father's farm, for life.

1-1-7-2

George Stetson (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Samuel and Elizabeth ( ) Stetson, b. Nov. 6, 1714, at Scituate. He m. Eunice Stetson (*Jonah, Samuel, Cornet Robert*) (1-4-5-2), dau. of Jonah and Mercy (Turner) Stetson on May 10, 1742, at Scituate. She was bap. Nov. 29, 1724, at Scituate.

George Stetson served in the French and Indian War in 1756. (Deane)

Mr. Barry says, "He was in the Revolutionary War and tradition says he was one of Washington's Life Guards."

Children of George and Eunice (Stetson) Stetson:

i Eunice, bap. Oct. 25, 1747; d. Apr. 28, 1821, aged 74 yrs; m. (1) Thomas Nash of Pembroke on Feb. 8, 1766 (Pembroke V. R.); m. (2) Nathaniel Jordan, Jan. 19, 1779.
ii George, bap. June 2, 1751, at Scituate.

*Hannah Lincoln was the daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Stetson) Lincoln and granddaughter of the Cornet through Joseph.

iii SAMUEL, bap. Oct. 20, 1754, at Scituate.
iv CHRISTOPHER, bap. May 28, 1758. (Pembroke Rec.) He was a "Minute Man" from Scituate Apr. 19, 1775, in the Revolutionary War. He was "drummer" in Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's Company, and had other terms of service. (Mass. Rec.) Mr. Barry in his notes says, "He never married and was lost in a privateer."

I-I-7-3

ELIZABETH STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON, b. Mar. 27, 1717, at Scituate. She m. NATHANIEL STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*) (I-8-I-3), of Marshfield, Jan. 8, 1740.

I-I-7-5

ALICE STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON, b. Mar. 20, 1720, at Scituate. She m. JOSHUA RIPLEY, Mar. 29, 1744.

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND ALICE (STETSON) RIPLEY:
(Kingston Rec.)

i JOSHUA, b. Mar. 4, 1744, at Hanover.
ii SARAH, b. Feb. 16, 1746, at Scituate.
iii CALVIN, b. May 18, 1748, at Pembroke.
iv LUTHER, b. Jan. 16, 1752, at Duxbury; d. 1753.
v ALICE, b. Sept. 2, 1754, at Duxbury.
vi LUTHER, b. Jan. 27, 1759, at Kingston.
vii MARY, b. Oct. 29, 1761, at Kingston.
viii JOSEPH, b. June 18, 1764, at Kingston.

I-I-7-6

CAPT. JOSEPH STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON, b. Mar. 25, 1724, at Scituate, d. 1797 at Scituate. He m. MARTHA GROSS, dau. of EDMUND and OLIVE (SILVESTER) GROSS, of Scituate, on Mar. 20, 1778. (Scituate Rec.) She was b. Jan. 13, 1743, at Scituate.

In Mr. Barry's notes we read, "He was part owner of the vessels he commanded. He made voyages to European countries. In later years he became a farmer. He was in the French War in 1745 and in the Revolutionary War."

CHILDREN OF CAPT. JOSEPH AND MARTHA (GROSS) STETSON:

i XOA, b. May 1779 (Hanover Rec.); d. unmarried Feb. 21, 1856, aged 78 yrs. (Hanover Rec.) She lived with her niece, Mary Munroe.
ii ZINTHA, b. 1781.
iii JOSEPH, b. 1783; d. age 4 yrs. (Hanover Rec.)
iv JOSEPH, b. Aug. 27, 1787. (Hanover Rec.)
v LUCY, b. 1789; d. Mar. 13, 1846. (Hanover Rec.)

1-1-7-7

RUTH STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON. She m. (1) JONATHAN MERRITT, Nov. 6, 1746; m. (2) LAZARUS BOWKER of Scituate.

CHILDREN OF LAZARUS AND RUTH (STETSON) BOWKER: (Barry's Notes.)

i A son who d. at the age of 21 yrs.
ii RUTH, m. Elisha Foster.

1-2-1-1

MATTHEW STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. Nov. 5, 1690, at Scituate. He m. HANNAH LINCOLN, dau. of SOLOMON and HANNAH (STETSON) LINCOLN (dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE) (1-1-8-1), Sept. 24, 1730, b. July 25, 1707, at Scituate. Resided at Scituate.

When the town of Hanover was set off from Scituate in 1727, Matthew Stetson's home lot consisted of 5½ acres at the "4 Corners," bounded south by the "Town Way" and west by "Countrey Road." The mansion is still standing on the Country Road, and his very large blacksmith shop occupied the corner where the several business blocks are now standing. Matthew's first five children were born here. In 1739, on the death of Benjamin, his father, Matthew came into possession of the farm at Bald Hill, and this same year he removed there with his family, selling his house and blacksmith shop to Maltiah Dillingham for 410 pounds. Matthew's account book kept at this time (1739-1760) still in existence, shows him to have been the village school-master. It contains many accounts against his neighbors for "schooling" their boys. He was also the village blacksmith. The accounts show many entries of ironwork for vessels built at the "ship yard at Bald Hill." Matthew was a man of large property. In the division of the estate of Benjamin, his father, in 1741 "the share of a township in Hampshire

County adjoining Winchendon" granted to Capt. Benjamin for services in the Canada Expedition in 1690 was still in the family, and, together with the homestead, the pew in the old church "situated between the minister's (Mr. Eells) pew and Mr. Collamore's old pew" was with other property allotted to the oldest son, Matthew. (See Stetson Kindred, vol. 3, p. 14, for family sketch.)

CHILDREN OF MATTHEW AND HANNAH (LINCOLN) STETSON:

i MATTHEW, b. Aug. 24, 1731, in Hanover.
ii LINCOLN, b. July 27, 1733, in Hanover.
iii HANNAH, b. July 7, 1735, in Hanover.
iv DEBORAH, b. Nov. 10, 1737, in Hanover; m. Abner Stetson (1-1-7-1), Oct. 7, 1762.
v BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 7, 1740, in Hanover.
vi GRACE, bap. Oct. 10, 1742, in Scituate.
vii MARTHA, b. 1744 (?); d. Feb. 24, 1818, unmarried.
viii EPHRAIM, bap. Nov. 17, 1745, in Scituate.
ix JACOB, bap. Sept. 27, 1747, in Scituate.
x MARY, bap. Nov. 6, 1757, in Scituate.

1-2-1-2

GRACE STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. Apr. 29, 1692, d. Oct. 13, 1756, at Hingham. She m. (1) JOHN HATCH, JR., Feb. 26, 1718, who d. July 30, 1730, aged 33 (G. S.); m. (2) JEDEDIAH BEAL of Hingham on Feb. 5, 1734. Resided at Hingham on the spot where now stands the Hingham National Bank. (Hingham Rec.)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND GRACE (STETSON) HATCH:

i BENJAMIN, b. Jun. 28, 1721.
ii GRACE, b. May 4, 1726.
iii JOHN, bap. Feb. 20, 1719/20.
iv MARY, b. Nov. 1, 1723.

1-2-1-4

BENJAMIN STETSON (3rd) (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. July 1, 1696, at Scituate, d. Aug. 31, 1758, at Hanover. (Hanover Rec.) He m. LILLIS TURNER, dau. of SAMUEL and ——— ( ) TURNER, of Hanover in 1725; b. Apr. 27, 1701, d. June 1, 1755, aged 54. (Hanover Rec.) Resided at Hanover.

The farm of Benjamin Stetson, 3rd, a farm of 60 acres, was laid out from the common lands of Scituate to James Bates about 1690.

Cornet Stetson immediately purchased and deeded it to his son, Capt. Benjamin. (Plymouth Rec., B. 4, p. 76.) It was owned successively by Cornet Stetson, Capt. Benjamin Stetson, Benjamin Stetson, 2nd, and Benjamin Stetson, 3rd. The deed from Benjamin Stetson, 2nd, to Bejamin Stetson, 3rd, in 1725, the year in which Benjamin, 3rd, was married, was a deed of 81 acres, "being part of 2 60 acre lots," the original James Bates lot and the original John Vassal lot. (Plymouth Rec., B. 22, p. 10.) He built his house in 1729 and with his descendants occupied it for two generations. Benjamin, 3rd, was four times chosen selectman of Hanover and six times moderator at town meetings.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND LILLIS (TURNER) STETSON:

i LILLIS, b. July 25, 1726; m. Joshua Stetson (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*) (1-3-8-2), July 8, 1747.
ii DESIRE, bap. Aug. 10, 1729.
iii BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 28, 1730/1.
iv JOB, b. Mar. 22, 1733.
v SUSANNA, b. Jan. 26, 1735; m. Abner Sylvester, Dec. 3, 1761, and moved to North Yarmouth, Me.
vi NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 19, 1737; d. Oct. 6, 1738.
vii GRACE, b. Mar. 5, 1739; d. Mar. 21, 1740.
viii SAMUEL S., b. Apr. 1743; d. May 1743.

1-2-1-6

LEAH STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. May 6, 1702, d. Mar. 1750 at Hingham. She m. ENOCH WHITON (or WHITING), son of ENOCH and MARY (LINCOLN) WHITON, of Hingham, on Nov. 16, 1732, b. Sept. 25, 1699, at Hingham. Resided at Liberty Plain, Hingham. He was a prominent man; served eight terms as selectman, and was a farmer by occupation.

CHILDREN OF ENOCH AND LEAH (STETSON) WHITON (OR WHITING):

All born in Hingham. (Hingham Rec.)

i ENOCH, b. Aug. 29, 1733.
ii LEAH, b. Jun. 19, 1735; m. Ebenezer Simmons of Scituate.
iii ELIJAH, b. Jun. 8, 1737.
iv MARY, b. July 15, 1739.
v GRACE, b. Mar. 22, 1741.
vi ELIAS, b. Jun. 10, 1743.

1-2-1-7

ABIJAH STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. July 4, 1704, at Scituate, d. 1786, aged 82. (Hanover Rec.) He m. DEBORAH TURNER, dau. of JOHN and ——— ( ) TURNER, on June 5, 1729. She was b. Sept. 14, 1704, and d. Jan. 25, 1786, aged 81.

Abijah Stetson moved from Scituate to Hanover about 1735. He occupied the very large house on Union St. now owned by Charles H. and Percy W. Dwelley. Abijah's descendants lived here until 1856.

CHILDREN OF ABIJAH AND DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON:

i ADAM, b. Mar. 12, 1729, in Scituate.
ii JOHN, b. Apr. 17, 1731, in Scituate.
iii ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 4, 1733; d. Feb. 3, 1752.
iv DEBORAH, b. Apr. 26, 1737, in Hanover; d. Dec. 14, 1762. (Hanover Rec.)
v PRINCE, b. Aug. 1741 in Hanover.
vi MARGARET, b. Apr. 7, 1745.
vii ELIJAH, b. Mar. 1747 in Hanover.
viii ZILPHA, b. Mar. 1750 in Hanover.

1-2-3-2

JAMES STETSON (*James, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of JAMES and SUSANNA (TOWNSEND) STETSON, b. Sept. 11, 1699, at Boston, d. 1772 at Hingham 2nd Precinct (Cohasset). He m. WID. MARGARET (HAUGH) OAKS, dau. of SAMUEL HAUGH, Dec. 16, 1733. (Orleans Rec.)

There is no record in Cohasset of the death of James or Margaret Stetson, but in "Central Cemetery" their children are buried beside those of the Rev. Josiah and Margaret Oaks.

James was a "farmer," a "housewright" and a "shipwright." He is first mentioned in the Hingham records (2nd Precinct) Aug. 12, 1724: "Voted that Jeames Stutson should have one pound and six shillings for work done in the meeting house about ye deacon's seat and making a closet under the pulpit." "In 1749 he owned the largest farm in the Beach woods." In 1750 he owned land on Main Street south of Rev. Nehemiah Hobart's, and probably lived in a house which is now Dr. H. E. Fernald's. Before 1763 he built on Elm Street, where he probably died in 1772. "He was one of the builders in 1747 of the fine

old meeting house now standing on Cohasset Common. He purchased the older building and used the timbers and panels in building several Cohasset houses." (Cohasset Gen. and Hist., 1909, p. 403.)

James was evidently a builder of much ability. He contracted to build a meeting house for the First Society of Scituate in 1733, the year he was married.

From 1725 to 1729 and later he sold many valuable tracts of land in Hingham, mentioning "Ship Cove," "Cohasset Uplands," "crick that comes from Ship Cove." For one of these tracts he received, March 29, 1729, 320 pounds. (Suffolk Deeds.)

In the tax list of 1749 (the only list found either in Hingham or Cohasset), James Stetson was by far the wealthiest farmer in Cohasset. He had 14 acres under tillage and raised 280 bushels of corn; had 38 acres of mowing land and 100 acres of pasture. He had 2 horses, 6 oxen, 9 cows and a large number of sheep. He had, also, one slave. Only two inhabitants had more than one slave. (Cohasset Town Rec.)

Children of James and Margaret (Haugh) Stetson:

i James, b. Sept. 7, 1734, at Hingham; d. May 17, 1740. (Cohasset Town Hist.)
ii Benjamin, b. Apr. 12, 1737, at Hingham.
iii Ezekiel, b. Oct. 28, 1738, at Hingham; d. Feb. 12, 1739.
iv Ezekiel, b. Nov. 10, 1739, at Hingham; d. Feb. 12, 1740.
v John, b. Nov. 15, 1740; d. May 15, ———.
vi Margaret, b. July 26, 1742, at Hingham; d. Aug. 17, 1742.
vii Atherton Haugh, b. Nov. 12, 1746; d. Dec. 6, 1746.
viii Lydia, bap. Apr. 5, 1741, at Cohasset; d. June 18, 1741, at Cohasset, "aged 2 months."
ix Lydia, bap. Aug. 15, 1742, at Cohasset.

1-2-3-4

William Stetson (*James, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of James and Susanna (Townsend) Stetson, b. Apr. 26, 1704, at Boston. He m. Abigail (Cushing) Kilby, wid. of Richard Kilby, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Thaxter) Cushing, on May 10, 1739. She was b. Jan. 1, 1699/1700.

Children of William and Abigail (Cushing) Stetson:

i Richard, b. Feb. 22, 1740, in Hingham; bap. Mar. 30, 1740. (Cohasset Rec.)

ii WILLIAM, b. Mar. 10, 1741, in Hingham; bap. Sept. 27, 1741. (Cohasset Rec.) He had long service in Col. Vose Regt. from Boston in the Revolutionary War. (Mass. Rec.) We have no further data of William.
iii SUSANNA, bap. June 5, 1743. (Cohasset Rec.)

1-2-4-1

SAMUEL STETSON (*"Drummer Samuel," Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and REBECCA (TURNER) STETSON or MERCY (DUNHAM) STETSON, b. about 1725, d. Feb. 5, 1791, at Hanover. (Prob. Rec.) He m. ALICE ROGERS, dau. of CALEB and MARY ( ) ROGERS, on Dec. 14, 1766, at Hanover. She was b. Feb. 19, 1745, and d. May 29, 1820, aged 76 years. Resided in Hanover.

Samuel was in Capt. Amos Turner's Company of Minute Men, Col. John Bailey's Regiment which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775. He had also two later terms of service. (Mass. Rec.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ALICE (ROGERS) STETSON:

i TURNER, b. Sept. 8, 1767.
ii REUBEN, b. 1769; d. Sept. 12, 1778.
iii SAMUEL, b. May 1772.
iv REBECCA, b. Sept. 10, 1776.
v LYDIA, b. 1778; d. July 15, 1819.

1-2-8-2

SAMUEL FISHER (*Deborah (Stetson) Fisher, Benjamin Stetson, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and DEBORAH (STETSON) FISHER, b. Nov. 12, 1722, at Duxbury; probably d. prior to 1794 at North Yarmouth, Me., as she was taxed that year. He m. HANNAH BLANCHARD. Resided at North Yarmouth, Me. (now Cumberland.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND HANNAH (BLANCHARD) FISHER:

i ONESIPHORUS, b. in 1752.
ii REBECCA m. Daniel Drinkwater of North Yarmouth, Me.

1-3-2-2

JOHN STETSON (*Thomas, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and MARY (BALSTON) STETSON, b. Jan. 12, 1720, at Boston, d. before 1808 (See Brother Ebenezer's will). He m. BETHIA OLIVER on Dec. 30, 1751. (Boston Rec.)

CHILD OF JOHN AND BETHIA (OLIVER) STETSON:

i MARY, m. Zachariah Sawtelle, Jr.

John's brother Ebenezer, in his will dated Jan. 4, 1806, bequeathed to children of John, but at the proving of the will Aug. 30, 1808, the only signers were Mary, wife of Zachariah Sawtelle and Joel Sawtelle, evidently a son of Mary. (Probate Rec., Cambridge, No. 21373.)

1-3-2-4

EBENEZER STETSON (*Thomas, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and MARY (BALSTON) STETSON, b. May 20, 1724 (Boston Rec.), d. 1808. He m. (1) ANN ALLEN on Sept. 11, 1755 (Newton Rec.), d. April 16, 1756 (Newton Rec.); m. (2) LUCY RUGGLES on July 1, 1765, at Watertown (Watertown Genealogies by Dr. Bond); m. (3) SARAH COWELL on Dec. 31, 1772. (Boston Rec.)

Ebenezer is recited as being "feltmaker" and "hatter." He served in the Revolutionary War from Watertown. By his will his "personal estate," "house and lands in Watertown on Town Road and Charles River" were eventually to become the property of the descendants of his brother, John Stetson, and sister, Lydia Stetson Safford, i. e., the children of Joel Sawtelle and Thomas Safford, Jr. He also left a pew in the Baptist Church at Newton. (Prob. Rec., Cambridge, No. 21373.)

Evidently neither Ebenezer nor John left descendants bearing the name of Stetson.

CHILD OF EBENEZER AND LUCY (RUGGLES) STETSON:

(Watertown Genealogies, by Dr. Henry Bond.)

i BENJAMIN FELTON, b. May 22, 1766, at Watertown. Evidently d. young.

1-3-3-1

CALEB STETSON (*Gershom, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of GERSHOM and MARY (HOLMES) STETSON, b. Sept. 1708, d. 1741 at Falmouth. He m. DEBORAH MORTON, dau. of JOHN and MARY (RING) MORTON, of Plymouth, on Oct. 21, 1732. (Plymouth Rec.)

Gershom Stetson in his will (Probate Rec. 13-321) mentions the "children of son Caleb, deceased." Mr. Barry found no record of Caleb or his children.

The following is from Falmouth Town Meeting Records:

"Jan. 5, 1742. Voted to Zacheus Hatch for Caleb Stutson's grave cloths and coffin and digging his Grave, one weeks board and Tend-

ance, old tenor £6-8-0." "To Obediah Butler for his tending Caleb Stutson three days, Old Tenor £6-15-0." "To Seth Halleway for fetching a doctor to Caleb Stutson Old Tenor 15s." "Town Meeting Oct. 11, 1745, To Ephraim Swift for caring home Caleb Stutson's widow, Old Tenor £1-15-0."

It is evident from this last item that Caleb was a long ways from home during his short fatal illness, and that his wife was not with him. Was this home in Plymouth, thirty miles away? and was this "Caleb son of Gershom"? We have found no other Caleb to whom it could apply, and we have no other knowledge of Caleb, son of Gershom, whom his father mentions in his will in 1754 as "deceased but having left children."

CHILDREN OF CALEB AND DEBORAH (MORTON) STETSON:

i CALEB, bap. Nov. 1734. (Plymouth Rec.)
ii JOHN, bap. Jan. 15, 1737/8. (Plymouth Ch. Rec.)

1-3-6-2

ELIZABETH STETSON (*Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CALEB and SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Oct. 14, 1709, at Plymouth. She m. SILAS COOK, Int. Jan. 9, 1730/1. (Kingston Rec.)

CHILDREN OF SILAS AND ELIZABETH (STETSON) COOK:
(From Kingston Rec.)

i SARAH.
ii ELIZABETH.
iii DEBORAH.
iv RUBEE.
v EUNICE.

1-3-6-3

BARZILLAI STETSON (*Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of CALEB and SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Dec. 17, 1711, at Plymouth (Brewster Gen.), d. 1766 at Plymouth. He m. RUTH KEMPTON of Plymouth on Sept. 6, 1742. ("Early Plymouth Marriages.") "Wid. Ruth Stetson died Feb. 27, 1768." (Ch. Rec., Plymouth.)

CHILDREN OF BARZILLAI AND RUTH (KEMPTON) STETSON:

i BARZILLAI, b. 1743. (Plymouth Rec.)
ii JEDEDIAH, b. 1745. (Plymouth Rec.)
iii SARAH, b. 1749 (Plymouth Rec.); m. William Smith Oct. 20, 1769. (Early Plymouth Co. Marriages.)

iv MEHITABLE, b. 1751 (Plymouth Rec.); m. Jonathan Oliver, Sept. 13, 1767. (Early Plymouth Co. Marriages.)

These births are taken from Davis Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth.

1-3-6-7

JEDEDIAH STETSON (*Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of CALEB and SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Sept. 12, 1721, at Plymouth. He was one of those who drew off from the First Church of Plymouth to form the new church in 1743. (Plymouth Town Records.)

CHILD OF JEDEDIAH AND ——— ( ) STETSON:

i "CALEB STETSON, son of Jedediah." (Warwick, R. I., Rec.)

1-3-7-1

SARAH STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Aug. 28, 1708. She m. CAPT. ROBERT BRADFORD, Nov. 4, 1726. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF CAPT. ROBERT AND SARAH (STETSON) BRADFORD:

i PELEG.
ii ZILPHA.
iii REBECCA.
iv JOHN.
v ELETHEA.
vi ORPHA.
vii STETSON.
viii ROBERT.
ix SARAH.
x CONSIDER.
xi SARAH.
xii ROBERT.

1-3-7-2

EGLOTH STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Oct. 7, 1710. She m. EPHRAIM WASHBURN, Int. Nov. 4, 1732. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF EPHRAIM AND EGLOTH (STETSON) WASHBURN: (From Kingston Rec.)

i EZEKIEL.
ii DEBORAH.
iii MERCY.
iv EPHRAIM.

v Elitheah.
vi Unice.
vii Nehemiah.
viii Sarah.

1-3-7-3

Zeresh Stetson (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Elisha and Abigail (Brewster) Stetson, b. Nov. 28, 1712. She m. Benjamin Bradford, son of Israel and Sarah (Bartlett) Bradford, Int. Dec. 18, 1731. Resided at Kingston.

Children of Benjamin and Zeresh (Stetson) Bradford:

i Thomas.
ii Mikel.
iii Perez.
iv Lydia, died.
v Benjamin.
vi Mary.
vii Lemuel.
viii Lydia.

1-3-7-4

Hopestill Stetson (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Elisha and Abigail (Brewster) Stetson, b. May 21 1715. She m. John Simmons, Oct. 21, 1736. Resided at Kingston.

Children of John and Hopestill (Stetson) Simmons:
(From Kingston Rec.)

i Faith.
ii Noah.
iii Eunice.
iv John.

1-3-7-5

Elisha Stetson (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Elisha and Abigail (Brewster) Stetson, b. Feb. 19, 1720 (Kingston Rec.), d. Aug. 28, 1803, "aged 85." (Kingston Rec.) He m. Sarah Adams, dau. of Francis and Mary (Buck) Adams, on Apr. 26, 1742, at Kingston. She was b. 1721 (Jones River Parish Rec.) (Brewster Gen.), and d. Oct. 26, 1804. Resided at Kingston.

Children of Elisha and Sarah (Adams) Stetson:
(All from Kingston Rec.)

i Theophilus, b. July 10, 1742, at Kingston.
ii Abigail, b. July 1, 1744, at Kingston.

iii SARAH, b. Dec. 29, 1746; d. 1761.
iv SAMUEL, b. Nov. 19, 1749.
v THOMAS, b. Mar. 9, 1752.
vi HANNAH, b. Sept. 12, 1754.
vii BETSEY (or BETTY), b. Jan. 31, 1757.
viii LYDIA, b. Jan. 15, 1759; d. before 1787.
ix SARAH, b. Nov. 24, 1761; d. Mar. 13, 1855, at Kingston.
x ELISHA, b. Feb. 19, 1764.

1-3-8-1

ELIJAH STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, b. June 15, 1711, at Scituate; bap. Apr. 7, 1723 (Rec. of Second Church, Scituate); d. "from fall from horse Apr. 15, 1779, Elijah Stutson, age about 72 years." (Ch. Rec. of Winterbury (now Bloomfield), Conn.) He m. ELIZABETH COOMBS, 1737 or before. (V. R. Enfield, Conn.)

In Scituate until after 1723 (Scituate Ch. Rec.) In Enfield, Conn., in 1738. (Enfield V. R.) In Brimfield, Mass., 1741 and 1751; Sheffield in 1760 on the east side of Great River.

From land records of Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester Counties, Elijah Stetson (Stutson) bought and sold many large tracts and estates in Connecticut and Massachusetts from 1740 to 1761.

He is called "Trader," "Blacksmith of Scituate," "of the Elbows," "of Kingston so called above the Elbows" (in Springfield), and "Elijah Stutson, Jr. of Brimfield" in 1741.

In a deed given in 1760, "Sarah Stetson, wife of Elijah" signs. (Land Rec. at Springfield.)

CHILD OF ELIJAH AND ELIZABETH (COOMBS) STETSON:

i ELIJAH, b. Mar. 24, 1738. (Enfield, Conn., V. R., typewritten copy in Conn. State Lib.)

1-3-8-2

JOSHUA STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, b. May 12, 1713, at Scituate; bap. July 28, 1728. (Second Ch. Rec., Scituate.) He m. LILLIS STETSON (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Cornet Robert*) (1-2-1-4-1), dau. of BENJAMIN and LILLIS (TURNER) STETSON, on July 8, 1747, at Hanover, Int. Feb. 28, 1747. She was b. July 25, 1726, at Hanover.

Joshua was in Hanover and later in Newport, R. I., possibly as we find "Joshua Stetson, mariner, of Newport, R. I. and Lillis his wife"

sell land in Hanover, Mass., to Alexander Bradford, Dec. 29, 1758. (Plymouth Deeds 34/206.)

We find in the records of Scituate Town Meeting for the year 1751 "Town ordered paid to Benjamin Pierce, Jr., constable (collector) what Joshua Stetson was rated in 1747 for his bill for tonnage of a vessel which he could not get by reason as that said Stetson had no vessel ye year to be rated for 4s 3d."

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND LILLIS (STETSON) STETSON:

i LILLIS, b. Apr. 1748; m. Samuel Stetson (*Nathaniel, Isaac, Robert, Robert*) (1-8-1-3-1) of Pembroke.
ii LUCINDA, bap. Apr. 29, 1750. (Ch. Rec.)
iii JOSHUA, b. June 14, 1752. (Mr. Barry says, "I have no record of his life, is he the child who died Aug. 19, 1754?")

We have no record of Joshua and Lillis after the birth of their son Joshua in 1752. Joshua, Sr., would then have been 39 years old and Lillis 26. Did they go to Rhode Island and have more children?

1-3-8-3

NATHANIEL STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON; m. MARY (MOLLY) DILLIS, dau. of SIMON and ——— ( ) DILLIS, on Apr. 1, 1735/6 (Scituate Rec.), b. 1705 in France (came to Boston in 1717), d. Apr. 20, 1796, at East Abington, on Market St., aged 91 years.

"Simon Dillis was a member of the French Protestant Church of Boston. He married 2nd Eunice, daughter of Anthony Dodson." (Barry's private notes.)

Mary (Molly) Dillis' mother and an infant brother of Mary died on the passage to America. The interesting story of their flight from France is preserved by their descendants.

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL AND MOLLY (DILLIS) STETSON:

i NATHANIEL, b. 1738; d. July 14, 1824, aged 86 yrs. "Nathaniel Stetson (h. Mary) s. Nathaniel and Mary d. July 14, 1824 age 86" (g. s. Church Hill Cem., Norwell.) He was sergeant in Capt. Robert Lenthell Eells Co. in Revolutionary War. (Mass. Rec.)
ii MARY (ELIZABETH), m. David Jenkins for his 2nd wife and had several children. (Rec. of William Spooner of Plymouth.) David Jenkins m. (1) Elizabeth Merritt in 1741 and moved to Abington (Dean). He m. (2) Mary (Elizabeth) Stetson, dau. of Nathaniel Stetson of Hanover. (Hobart's

Abington, p. 407.) David Jenkins was buried in the Spring St. Cem., East Abington. On both sides of his headstone are smaller ones, each marked "Elizabeth, his wife."

1-3-8-4

ELIZABETH STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, bap. Mar. 31, 1723. She m. WILLIAM ESTES of Hanover, Int. Apr. 17, 1736.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH (STETSON) ESTES:

i SUSANNAH.
ii ALICE.
iii WILLIAM.
iv RUTH.
v RICHARD.
vi ELIZABETH.
vii ZILPHA.
viii MATTHEW.
ix ELIJAH.
x SARAH.

1-3-8-6

LUKE STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, bap. May 15, 1726; d. at Hanover. He m. RUTH HOWLAND of Duxbury on June 10, 1762; int. May 22, 1762, Duxbury; d. 1764.

"He was for many years a school master in Hanover and quite noted for his eccentricities." (Barry.)

Probably a typical school master who boarded around. In 1752 bills for his board for 26 weeks were brought in, credited and paid, as also his bill for services.

He taught nine months in 1751/2 for £18, paying his own board. (Hanover Rec.)

CHILD OF LUKE AND RUTH (HOWLAND) STETSON:

i RUTH HOWLAND, b. Feb. 22, 1763 (Hanover Rec.); m. Dec. 27, 1784, Asa Soule of Halifax. (Halifax Rec.) Had a son, Stetson Soule, b. June 14, 1785. (Halifax Rec.)

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EBENEZER STETSON (*Ebenezer, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of EBENEZER and LYDIA (BARKER) STETSON, b. Dec. 12, 1728, d. Oct. 1768 at Antigua, West Indies. He m. (1) HANNAH HALL of Raynham, June 7, 1753, at Raynham (Taunton Rec.); she d. 1761. He m. (2) ANNA LEONARD of Raynham, dau. of ZEPHANIAH and ——— ( ) LEONARD of Dighton, on Feb. 24, 1763; she d. Apr. 2, 1796, at Bristol, R. I. (Bristol Rec.) Resided at Dighton.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND HANNAH (HALL) STETSON:

i HANNAH, b. June 1754; m. Capt. Noah Brooks of Scituate in 1770 and d. in Camden, Me., Apr. 18, 1814. He was a shipbuilder. They left a large family.

ii THOMAS, b. June 1756, d. on board the Jersey Prison Ship in N. Y., aged 22 years. (Barry.)

iii LYDIA B., b. June 9, 1758; m. George Pitts of Dighton, July 22, 1780. They lived all their lives in Dighton.

iv EBENEZER, b. Mar. 8,1761.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND ANNA (LEONARD) STETSON:

v ZEPHANIAH, b. 1763; d. at sea in 1780. (Barry.)

vi NANCY L., b. July 1765; m. (1) Ebenezer Smith of Taunton in 1783. He d. in 1793 and she m. (2) Josiah Shaw of Raynham. (Barry.)

1-3-10-2

SNOW STETSON (*Ebenezer, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of EBENEZER and LYDIA (BARKER) STETSON, b. Mar. 1730 at Scituate. "Married a French lady named Dupee in Newport, R. I. and died in West Indies aged 27." (Barry.)

He was a ship builder and a sea captain. In 1749 Ebenezer Stetson leased of Matthew Stetson "the ship yard at Bald Hill," and the same year his sons, Ebenezer, Jr. (aged 21) and Snow (aged 19) built a sizable vessel. An itemized account of the iron work is extant in an account book of Matthew Stetson.

Eighty years after Mr. Barry wrote of Snow's marriage and death we find the following, which would seem to further account for Snow as well as the vessel he built at Bald Hill: "List of vessels insured by Timothy Orne Co. of Salem," "1758" "Brigg, Success, Snow Stetson captain and owner" "Voyage to Barbadoes" "Was taken." (Essex Hist. Col., Vol. 31, p. 10.)

CHILDREN OF SNOW AND ——— (DUPEE) STETSON:

i SNOW.
ii JOHN, d. aged 11 yrs.

1-4-1-1

ENSIGN SAMUEL STETSON (*Samuel, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of DEACON SAMUEL and DESIRE (DUNHAM) STETSON, b. Dec. 30, 1713, at Mansfield, Conn., d. May 13, 1782, at Mansfield, Conn. He m. ANN DIMMOCK, dau. of TIMOTHY and ANN ( ) DIMMOCK, on June 3, 1742. She was b. at Mansfield, Conn. He resided in Mansfield, Conn., on the large farm left him by his father.

Samuel Stetson was ensign of the Mansfield Company, as we learn from the State Records. He also represented Mansfield at least four years as Deputy to the Colony Court, besides being a selectman of the town. From this we assume that he was a leading citizen of his town.

From the "Mansfield Rev. Rec." (typewritten at the Connecticut State Library at Hartford) in the division "1774 to 1778," pages 1-13 and 28, Samuel Stetson was chosen one of a "Committee to procure relief for our suffering brethren at Boston." Later, "to procure camp equippage," and in March 1780, at a special town meeting, the town "voted and made choice of Ensign Samuel Stetson to be a committee for supplying soldier's families with provisions." He was then 68 years of age.

On the strength of the above his descendants were granted eligibility to the Society of the American Revolution. (N. M. S.)

CHILDREN OF ENSIGN SAMUEL AND ANN (DIMMOCK) STETSON:

i TIMOTHY, b. June 23, 1743/4, at Mansfield, Conn.
ii DESIRE, b. June 29, 1746, at Mansfield, Conn.

1-4-1-3

LIEUT. ELI STETSON (*Samuel, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of DEACON SAMUEL and DESIRE (DUNHAM) STETSON, b. Nov. 20, 1717. His estate was administered in 1773 by his widow. He m. MIRIAM DIMMOCK, the widow of TIMOTHY DIMMOCK, JR. Resided in Mansfield, Conn., on a fine farm, a portion of which he inherited from his father.

We have found no record of children of Lieut. Eli. On the "Public Records of Conn." 1773, we find that Miriam Stetson of Mansfield,

County of Windham, administered on the estate of "the late Eli Stetson" and was allowed to sell enough of the real estate to raise £156 17s to pay probate charges. From the same record we read that in 1752 "Eli Stetson was commissioner Ensign of 2nd Company 5th Regiment in this Colony" and in 1756, "Eli Stetson was commissioned Lieutenant 2nd Co. 5th Reg. in this Colony."

The following is copied from "Conn. State Library War, 7.59" "Conn. French and Indian War rolls" "Aug. ye 10, 1757." "Col. Conant's return." "The following is a muster roll of ye 1st Company of Melitia. . . . 5th Reg. Marched to succor. Releece & Assistance of ye forces under Command of Maj. Gen. Webb, at Fort Edward (and) Fort Wm. Henry. . . . put under the command of Jonathan Rudd as their Capt. and Lieut. Eli Stetson as their First Lieut." (2nd Lieut. Kingsbury and Ensign Bicknell.) "Eli Stetson and 37 of the above rode horses from Windham."

1-4-5-1

JONAH STETSON, JR. (*Jonah, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of JONAH and MERCY (TURNER) STETSON, b. July 1721, bap. Feb. 25, 1722, at Scituate, d. about 1783 at Scituate. (Probate Rec.) He m. ELIZABETH HATCH, dau. of ISRAEL and BETHIA (THOMAS) HATCH, on Dec. 19, 1751. She was b. May 12, 1728, at Scituate, d. Apr. 26, 1816, aged 88. He resided on his father's farm in Scituate.

"Jonah Stetson of Scituate" was a minute man and marched April 19, 1775. (Mass. Rec.) This Jonah was 54 at this time and his son Jonah was 14.

"Jonah Stetson" received his discharge Oct. 30, 1780.

CHILDREN OF JONAH AND ELIZABETH (HATCH) STETSON:
All born in Scituate, Mass.

i ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 11, 1753; bap. May 13, 1753, at Scituate; d. unmarried Feb. 15, 1834.
ii MICAH, b. Nov. 21, 1754.
iii LUCY, b. Mar. 1, 1757.
iv BETHIA, b. May 1, 1759; d. unmarried Mar. 20, 1845.
v JONAH, b. July 27, 1761.
vi MERCY, b. Sept. 1, 1766; m. Daniel Williams of Charlton June 4, 1786, and d. Feb. 8, 1843.
vii LYDIA, bap. Oct. 26, 1755; d. young.

1-4-7-5

Samuel Stetson (*John, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of John and Ruth (Pennimen) Stetson, b. 1748 at Scituate, d. 1788 "in his 40th year." (Scit. Rec.) He m. Mary Clapp of Scituate, Apr. 26, 1779, at Scituate. Resided in Scituate.

Samuel Stetson was a "builder," and built vessels with his father at the "Wanton Yard." At the time of his death, aged 40 years, he was one of the leading men of the town. He was vestryman and assistant Parish Clerk of St. Andrew's Church on Church Hill. (Records of St. Andrew's.) Probably he was also chorister, as Mr. Barry tells us he was remembered as a great singer.

After his death his widow married for her second husband Job Turner of Cohasset in 1800.

Child of Samuel and Mary (Clapp) Stetson:

i John, d. Mar. 12, 1792, aged about 12 yrs.

1-4-8-1

Silas Stetson (*Silas, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Silas and Mary (Brackett) Stetson, b. Mar. 1, 1759, at Scituate; d. Jun. 10, 1829, at Scituate, aged 71 yrs.; m. Martha Milton, "Patty Milton of this town" (Braintree Rec.), on Feb. 3, 1780. She was b. Mar. 23, 1758; d. Jun. 12, 1842. Resided on his grandfather's farm in Scituate.

Silas was a farmer and shoemaker. He served in Capt. Joseph Stetson's Scituate Company, "age 19, complexion dark, stature 5 ft. 8 in." He also had other service to his credit. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Silas and Martha (Milton) Stetson:
(All born in Scituate, Mass.)

i Benjamin, b. Oct. 21, 1780; d. Feb. 6, 1781.

ii Mary Brackett, b. Nov. 12, 1781; m. Robert Stover of Portland, Me., Aug. 29, 1802. She left children in Brunswick, Me.

iii Deborah A., b. Aug. 24, 1783; m. Dec. 12, 1820, William Stetson (1-1-2-4-4-4), son of Stephen; d. June 16, 1842.

iv Silas, b. June 25, 1785.

v Betsy, b. May 1, 1787 (twin); m. Peleg Sprague and d. Mar. 3, 1846.

v(a) Rachael, b. May 1, 1787 (twin).

vi Nathan, b. May 10, 1789; d. single in N. Y. May 29, 1840.

vii Samuel, b. Apr. 23, 1793.
viii Ephraim Arnold, b. Feb. 21, 1791.
ix Jotham, b. Nov. 17, 1794.
x Hannah M., b. Apr. 29, 1797; m. Joseph Sylvester for his second wife; d. Jan. 5, 1886, aged 89 yrs. She had no children.
xi William, b. May 6, 1799.

1-4-9-3

Seth Stetson (*Seth, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Seth and Elizabeth (Rose) Stetson, b. Jun. 4, 1735, at Hanover; m. Lucy Studley of Hanover, dau. of Eliab H. and Mary (Briggs) Studley, on Apr. 11, 1765. She was bap. Oct. 20, 1745. Resided at Hanover, on Centre St.

Seth was a Revolutionary soldier in "South Company Hanover Militia." "Marched on April 20 in response to alarm of April 19, 1775." (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Seth and Lucy (Studley) Stetson:
(All born in Hanover.)

i Rebecca, b. Dec. 17, 1765.
ii Deborah, b. Mar. 18, 1767; m. John Bates, son of Solomon and Aquilla (Bates) Bates, and moved to Maine, but d. in Hanover in 1841.
iii Hannah, b. Apr. 1, 1769; m. Samuel Bates, brother of John, Mar. 27, 1791. They went to Maine and she d. there in 1831.
iv Nathaniel, b. Jan. 6, 1771.
v Seth, b. Mar. 4, 1773.
vi Samuel, b. Mar. 22, 1775.
vii Lucy, b. Feb. 11, 1777; m. Joseph Tubbs, Jr., of Pembroke Aug. 18, 1797. (Pembroke Rec.)
viii Thankful, b. June 7, 1779; m. Freeman Harding Jan. 25, 1800; d. July 1868 leaving 11 children. (Blue Hills. Me., Rec.)
ix Ezekiel, b. July 8, 1781.
x Reuben, b. Mar. 27, 1784; d. 1793.
xi Martin, b. May 16, 1789; d. 1793.

1-4-9-5

Jeremiah Stetson (*Seth, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Seth and Elizabeth (Rose) Stetson, b. Aug. 8, 1740, at Hanover, Mass., d. Sept. 14, 1803. (Pembroke Rec.) He m. Lucy Bates, dau. of

Joseph and Mary (Bowker) Bates, on Dec. 3, 1753. (Pembroke Rec.) She was b. Oct. 14, 1732, (Hanover Rec.) and d. Oct. 22, 1820, aged 89 yrs. 11 mos. (Hanson Rec.) He resided at Pembroke and Hanover, Mass.

He spent most of his life in Hanover and was a deacon of the church. He was a millwright and a wheelwright.

Children of Jeremiah and Lucy (Bates) Stetson:
All b. in Pembroke. (Pembroke Rec.)

i Lucy, b. Feb. 9, 1754; m. Alexander Soper, Jr., of Maine, Nov. 14, 1776.
ii Rachel, b. Oct. 21, 1756; m. Ebenezer Bonney of Hanson, Apr. 25, 1790; d. May 2, 1840, in Hanson.
iii Jeremiah, b. Sept. 20, 1762.
iv Lydia, b. May 4, 1766; m. Isaac Beals Mar. 16, 1788.
v Mary Rose, b. July 28, 1768; m. Col. Amos Turner, Oct. 27, 1816, for his 2nd wife. No children.
vi Elizabeth, b. Sept. 23, 1772; d. unmarried, Apr. 18, 1840.
vii Eli, b. June 3, 1760; d. Apr. 14, 1764.

1-4-9-6

Thomas Stetson (*Seth, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Seth and Elizabeth (Rose) Stetson, b. July 23, 1741, at Hanover, d. Dec. 24, 1821, at Hanover. He m. Olive Mann, dau. of Benjamin and Abigail ( ) Mann, on June 18, 1772. She was b. Apr. 18, 1754, and d. July 20, 1819. (Pem. Rec.) He resided in Hanover, Mass., on Plain Street.

Thomas was a corporal in Lieut. Anthony Waterman's Company and marched Dec. 10th, 1776. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Thomas and Olive (Mann) Stetson:
(From Hanover Rec.)

i Thomas, b. Mar. 31, 1773, in Hanover.
ii Olive, b. Mar. 20, 1775, in Hanover; m. Samuel Beals of Charlestown, May 7, 1796. Pembroke records say that she lived in Livermore, Me.
iii Ruth, b. Mar. 10, 1777, in Hanover; m. David Snow Whitman of Bridgewater, May 31, 1798. (Pembroke Rec.)
iv Elizabeth, b. Jan. 30, 1780, in Hanover.
v Lucinda, b. 1783; m. Noah Mason of Boston, a mariner, July 5, 1804. Had 4 children.
vi Benjamin, b. 1786 in Hanover; d. young.
vii Benjamin, b. Sept. 28, 1790, in Hanover. (Pembroke Rec.)
viii Eli, b. Oct. 13, 1794.

1-4-10-1

FREELOVE STETSON (*Nathaniel, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of NATHANIEL and REBECCA (BRISCO) STETSON, b. Sept. 18, 1738, at Hanover, d. Sept. 13, 1824. She m. THEOPHILUS WITHERELL on Dec. 31, 1761. (Early Marriages of Plymouth County.) She resided at Hanover.

CHILDREN OF THEOPHILUS AND FREELOVE (STETSON) WITHERELL:
Born in Hanover.

i DEBORAH.
ii FREELOVE.

1-4-10-2

REBECCA STETSON (*Nathaniel, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of NATHANIEL and REBECCA (BRISCO) STETSON, b. May, 1743, at Hanover. She m. (1) JOSEPH STUDLEY on Jan. 10, 1765, who was killed by lightning in 1765; m. (2) ELISHA WITHERELL on Dec. 10, 1772. She resided at Chesterfield, Mass.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND REBECCA (STETSON) STUDLEY:

i REBECCA (twin), bap. Apr. 2, 1768.
ii LUCY (twin), bap. Apr. 2, 1768.

1-4-10-3

RUTH STETSON (*Nathaniel, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of NATHANIEL and REBECCA (BRISCO) STETSON. She was born in 1746 and m. JONATHAN BATES of Rochester, on Feb. 11, 1771. She resided at Rochester.

CHILDREN OF JONATHAN AND RUTH (STETSON) BATES:
(From Rochester Records.)

i NATHANIEL, b. 1772.
ii STETSON, b. 1775.

1-6-1-1

RUTH ROGERS (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of SAMUEL and JAEL (HUET) ROGERS. She was b. at Marshfield; bap. in 1699; d. Aug. 31, 1775 (?). She m. NICHOLAS PORTER of Abington, son of NICHOLAS and BOSTINA (REED) PORTER (Reed Gen. says her name was "Bashna Reed"), on Dec. 19, 1722. He was b. Oct. 26, 1700, at Weymouth. She resided at Abington.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

Children of Nicholas and Ruth (Rogers) Porter:
Born in Abington.

i Nicholas, b. Jan. 11, 1724; d. Mar. 31, 1724.
ii Nicholas, bap. May 1, 1726.
iii Ruth, bap. May 12, 1728; m. Samuel Ames of Marshfield.
iv Job.
v Daniel.
vi Lucy.

In Plymouth Deeds 39/42, Ruth Porter, Elizabeth Tirrell and Susanna Rogers, without their husbands, executed a joint release, in 1747, for the legacy left each of them in the will of their father, Samuel Rogers.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-1-2

Elizabeth Rogers (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of Samuel and Jael (Huet) Rogers, b. at Marshfield (bap. in 1701). She m. Thomas Tirrell (also called Terrill and Turell), son of William and Abigail (Pratt) Tirrell, of Abington, on Sept. 18, 1720. (Duxbury Rec.) He d. in 1732.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rogers) Tirrell:
Born in Abington.

i Thomas, b. Feb. 27, 1721/2; d. in infancy.
ii Thomas, b. July 31, 1723.
iii Jacob, b. Apr. 21, 1727.*
iv Mary, b. Apr. 3, 1729.
v Samuel, b. Oct. 16, 1730.

*Some of Jacob's children settled in Bridgewater as stated in Mitchell's History. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-1-3

Samuel Rogers (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of Samuel and Jael (Huet) Rogers. He was b. July 27, 1703, at Marshfield; d. Nov., 1761. He m. Experience Thomas, dau. of Daniel and Experience (Tilden) Thomas, on Nov. 25, 1731. She was b. July 1, 1709, and d. Feb. 9, 1802. He resided at Marshfield. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

Children of Samuel and Experience (Thomas) Rogers:
Born in Marshfield.

i Penelope, b. June 7, 1733.
ii Lydia, b. Nov. 17, 1734; m. Adam Rogers (1-6-9-7).
iii Thomas, b. Jan. 25, 1735/6.
iv Simeon, b. May 18, 1737.

v HANNAH, b. Dec. 19, 1740; bap. Feb. 22, 1740/1; d. young.
vi SAMUEL, bap. Apr. 22, 1744; d. young.
vii EXPERIENCE, bap. May 3, 1746; d. young.
viii MARY, bap. Feb. 26, 1748/9.

1-6-1-4

MARY ROGERS (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of SAMUEL and JAEL (HUET) ROGERS. She was b. at Marshfield, and bap. June 23, 1706; m. JOHN TROUANT, son of JOHN and ( ) TROUANT, who d. May, 1749. She resided at Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY (ROGERS) TROUANT:
Born in Marshfield.

i SAMUEL.
ii MARY.
iii LYDIA.
iv JOHN.

His will, dated May 17, 1749, probated May 29, 1749, mentions wife, Mary, and sons, Samuel and John, and daughters, Mary and Lydia, then minors and probably under 14 years of age.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-1-5

JAEL ROGERS (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of SAMUEL and JAEL (HUET) ROGERS. She was b. at Marshfield; bap. Aug. 8, 1708; m. MICHAEL HARNEY on Jan. 14, 1739/40. She resided at Marshfield and perhaps Boston. (In Plymouth Deeds 39/41 she and her husband release and acknowledge in Boston.)

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF MICHAEL AND JAEL (ROGERS) HARNEY:
Born in Marshfield

i REBECCA, bap. May 30, 1742.
ii SUSANNA, bap. June 24, 1744.
iii SARAH, bap. Dec. 4, 1748.

1-6-1-6

SUSANNA ROGERS (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of SAMUEL and JAEL (HUET) ROGERS. She was b. at Marshfield; bap. Oct. 8, 1710; d. Jan. 27, 1794, in her 85th year. She m. WILLIAM ROGERS (Probably not of this family. She was his second wife) on Nov. 13, 1749. He d. in 1764. She resided at Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILD OF WILLIAM AND SUSANNAH (ROGERS) ROGERS:

i JONAH, bap. May 24, 1752; b. in Marshfield.

1-6-1-7

EBENEZER ROGERS (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of SAMUEL and JAEL (HUET) ROGERS, b. abt. 1713 at Marshfield; d. Feb. 16, 1798. He m. (1) SARAH STETSON (1-8-1-7) (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ISAAC and ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON, who was bap. Dec. 20, 1739, and d. abt. 1784; m. (2) HANNAH (WILLSON) COLE, wid. of GEORGE COLE, dau. of WILLIAM and HANNAH (BOURNE) WILLSON, on Nov. 23, 1788. She was b. in 1741. He resided at Marshfield. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND SARAH (STETSON) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i RUTH, bap. Jan. 6, 1739/40; m. Nov. 12, 1761, Stephen Lapham, who d. Apr. 22, 1804, aged about 68 years.

ii BETTY, bap. May 31, 1741.

iii JAEL, bap. in 1743 "being sick"; m. June 9, 1766, "Frederick Anderson of London."

These are all the children disclosed by the town or church records and there was no administration on his estate. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-1-8

SARAH ROGERS (*Samuel, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of SAMUEL and JAEL (HUET) ROGERS. She was b. at Marshfield; bap. June 16, 1717; d. Nov. 11, 1812, aged 96 yrs. She m. JOSIAH HOLMES, who d. before Apr. 10, 1786, when Sarah says in a deed that she is a widow. She resided at Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF JOSIAH AND SARAH (ROGERS) HOLMES:
Born in Marshfield.

i MERCY, bap. Dec. 9, 1739.

ii HUET, bap. Jan., 1742.

iii RUTH, bap. Sept. 29, 1745.

iv JOSIAH, bap. Oct. 16, 1748.

v USLA (URSULA ?), bap. Sept. 8, 1751.

vi SARAH, b. Sept. 15, 1754.

vii MOLLY, b. June 13, 1756.

viii LYDIA, b. July 13, 1756. (These evidently were twins, but the author of *John Rogers of Marshfield* has them born a month apart. Whether the date should be June or July is not certain from his work.)

ix BETTY, b. July 16, 1758.

1-6-7-1

HANNAH ROGERS (*John, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of JOHN and HANNAH (SPRAGUE) ROGERS, b. Feb. 9, 1701/2, at Marshfield. She m. THOMAS STOCKBRIDGE of Scituate, son of THOMAS and SARAH (REED) STOCKBRIDGE, on July 8, 1724. He was b. Feb. 13, 1702/3. She d. in 1790. Resided at Scituate. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND HANNAH (ROGERS) STOCKBRIDGE:
Born in Scituate.

i THOMAS, bap. Aug. 6, 1725; d. unmarried in the lifetime of his father.
ii HANNAH, bap. Sept. 26, 1728; d. young.
iii STEPHEN, bap. Mar. 24, 1733/4; d. about 1800 leaving a wife but no children. His property was divided between Rachel, his widow, and Bettie Hoxie, his "heir-at-law."

1-6-7-2

SARAH ROGERS (*John, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of JOHN and HANNAH (SPRAGUE) ROGERS, b. Dec. 26, 1705, at Marshfield, d. June 13, 1796, aged 91 years. She m. SAMUEL FORD, son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH ( ) FORD, on Oct. 16, 1728. He was b. May 11, 1701. She resided in Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND SARAH (ROGERS) FORD:
Born in Marshfield.

i JEMIMA, b. Oct. 18, 1729.
ii KEZIAH, b. Apr. 14, 1732.
iii SAMUEL, b. June 16, 1735.
iv SARAH, b. July 31, 1739.
v LUKE, b. July 27, 1741.
vi PELEG, b. Mar. 1, 1746/7; probably d. young.
vii LYDIA, b. Aug. 1, 1748; probably d. young.
viii BETTY, b. May 31, 1749.

Note: An unpublished genealogy does not give Peleg or Lydia, but does give Elizabeth, b. May 31, 1747, who was the Betty above taken from town records.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9-1

TIMOTHY ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. 1720 at Marshfield, d. Dec. 27, 1798, aged 78 years. He m. DESIRE SYLVESTER on Aug. 28, 1755. He resided at Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY AND DESIRE (SYLVESTER) ROGERS:

i PRINCE, b. about 1765.

The author of *John Rogers of Marshfield* found no account of this family, except deeds to show there was the above son. Prince Rogers married, Mar. 21, 1790, Mary Gorham; he died May 28, 1832, aged 67 years. She died June 19, 1835. There were no children. He conveyed, April 1, 1826, to David Gorham "all my homestead farm lying in Marshfield which came to me from my honored father, Timothy Rogers, deceased" * * "excepting the mill and mill privilege which I have heretofore disposed of" * * "Reserving to myself and my wife, Mary Rogers the use" * * "during our natural lives." (Plymouth Deeds 177/238.) His will dated Jan. 28, 1832, mentions wife, Mary; David Gorham; Calvin Hatch Rogers, son of Abijah (who was son of Nathaniel) (*Israel*); Mercy Gorham, daughter of David Gorham; "the widow Ruth Rogers (widow of Zaccheus); Bethiah Rogers, Jr. and Eunice Rogers single-women and daughters of Nathaniel Rogers; Elisha Rogers; Prince Rogers, 2nd; Bethia Conant; Hannah Phillips, wife of Jonathan; Elijah Leonard; Lemuel Hall and Hatch Tilden."

1-6-9-2

ISRAEL ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. Nov. 22, 1722, at Marshfield, d. Nov. 29, 1811. He m. BETHIAH THOMAS, dau. of SAMUEL and REBECCA (HOWLAND) THOMAS, on Dec. 31, 1747. She was b. Jan. 23, 1728/9; d. June 15, 1819. He resided at Marshfield and was a shipbuilder on North River. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND BETHIAH (THOMAS) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i ISRAEL, b. Feb. 12, 1748/9.
ii NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 7, 1750.
iii THOMAS, b. June 8, 1752.
iv ASA, b. May 25, 1754.
v ABIJAH, b. June 24, 1756; bap. Aug. 15, 1756; probably d. young.
vi ARAUNAH, b. Nov. 5, 1758. (Briggs, in his *Shipbuilding of North River,* says that Araunah married Deborah Davis. There is a faint tradition that he went "down East.")
vii BETHIAH, b. Feb. 24, 1761; bap. May 10, 1761.

viii HOWLAND, b. Sept. 3, 1763. (Briggs says that Howland married Hannah Davis, but the History of Thomaston, Me., says Capt. Howland Rogers, born in 1764, came early from Marshfield to Thomaston as a ship carpenter; married Hannah Bradford; removed to Medford, Mass., where he died March 1, 1814.)

ix REBECCA, b. Dec. 3, 1766; bap. "on her own account" Sept. 25, 1790.

x SAMUEL, b. Apr. 27, 1769.

xi MERCY, b. Nov. 22, 1772.

Four of these children married children of Benjamin and Mercy (Philips) Hatch of Scituate, as evidenced by deed in Plymouth Deeds 69/266.

1-6-9-3

PELEG ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. Nov. 6, 1725, at Marshfield, d. Aug. 13, 1820. He m. HANNAH STEVENS on Apr. 26, 1754. She d. Apr. 26, 1806. He resided at Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF PELEG AND HANNAH (STEVENS) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i PELEG, b. 1755.

ii NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 6, 1757.

iii PATIENCE, b. about 1760.

iv ISAAC.

v TIMOTHY.

The author of *John Rogers of Marshfield* says that no record of this family, either public or private, has been found and that it is by no means certain that these are all the children, and that it is not absolutely certain that Patience and Timothy belong in this family.

Patience named her oldest son "Peleg," and that son, Peleg Mann, named his oldest son for his WIFE'S grandfather, and his second son "Peleg Rogers," presumably for HIS grandfather.

Timothy died in 1845, and Arthur Rogers, the oldest son of Isaac, petitioned as "next of kin" for the appointment of the administrator. If Timothy was brother of Isaac, he had outlived all his brothers, and Arthur was his oldest nephew, and "next of kin."

1-6-9-4

LYDIA ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. at Marsh-

field. She m. JAMES LEWIS, son of JOHN and SARAH (MARSH) LEWIS, on Dec. 1, 1743. He was b. Sept. 9, 1712, and d. in 1785. She resided at Marshfield. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND LYDIA (ROGERS) LEWIS:
Born in Marshfield.

i LYDIA, b. Dec. 8, 1744; bap. Jan. 13, 1744/5.
ii ACHSAH, b. Jan. 7, 1746/7; bap. Feb. 22, 1746/7.
iii JAMES, b. May 14, 1750; bap. Nov. 4, 1750.
iv CALVIN, bap. Oct. 15, 1752.
v LUTHER, bap. Aug. 10, 1755.
vi JOSEPH, bap. July 2, 1758.
vii BELA, bap. Aug. 2, 1761.

No mention of this family in the Marshfield records after 1761 has been found. In the Harvard Catalogue, the year of his death is given. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9-5

AMOS ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. about 1728 at Marshfield, d. Aug. 26, 1802. He m. RACHEL WALES, dau. of REV. ATHERTON and MARY (NILES) WALES, on Dec. 1, 1757. She was b. Feb. 2, 1734/5, and d. Jan. 19, 1798. He resided at Marshfield. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF AMOS AND RACHEL (WALES) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i RACHEL, bap. Oct., 1758.
ii PERSIS, bap. May 14, 1761.
iii ATHERTON WALES, bap. May 1, 1763.
iv MARY, b. Mar. 5, 1765; d. Mar. 6, 1765. (GS)
v AMOS, bap. June 1, 1766; d. June 28, 1766. (GS)
vi THELA, d. Apr. 1769, aged 3 weeks. (GS)
vii MARY, bap. May 14, 1770; d. May 28, 1770. (GS)
viii AMOS, b. Apr. 8, 1772; d. same day. (GS)

Amos Roger's will dated Jan. 21, 1799, probated Sept. 6, 1802, witnessed by Nathaniel Rogers and Prince Rogers, mentions grandsons George Little, Edward P. Little and Amos Rogers Little; daughter Rachel Little; granddaughters Persis Oakman, Polly Rogers, Rachel Rogers, Polly Oakman, Rachel Oakman, and Rachel, Persis, Polly, Almira and Statira Little.

The executor was his son-in-law, George Little, whose son, George Little, was appointed Adm. de bonis non in 1810.

1-6-9-6

ZACCHEUS ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*) son of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. July, 1731, at Marshfield; d. Sept. 15, 1817, aged 86 yrs., 2 mos. He m. (1) REBECCA LAPHAM (pub. Apr. 4, 1756), dau. of DAVID and REBECCA (KING) LAPHAM, who was b. Sept. 21, 1732. He m. (2) SUBMIT JONES of Hingham, dau. of BENJAMIN and MARY (JORDAN) JONES, on Nov. 27, 1766, who was b. Oct. 1, 1733, and d. June 19, 1798. He m. (3) NAOMI HATCH of Scituate, dau. of BENJAMIN and JERUSHA (PHILLIPS) HATCH, on June 19, 1798, who was bap. May 6, 1748, and d. Aug. 11, 1825, aged 78 yrs. He resided at Marshfield.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF ZACCHEUS AND REBECCA (LAPHAM) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i EGGATHA, bap. Dec. 4, 1757.
ii REBECCA, bap. July 15, 1759.
iii ZACCHEUS, bap. Nov. 22, 1761.
iv ALLEN, bap. Oct. 2, 1763.
v LAPHAM, bap. June 2, 1765; d. young.

CHILDREN OF ZACCHEUS AND SUBMIT (JONES) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

vi CHARLES, b. Feb. 22, 1768.
vii BENJAMIN, b. 1770.
viii MARY, b. May 23, 1772; bap. July 5, 1772; m. Samuel Rogers (*Israel, Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*).

By Zaccheus Rogers' will dated Feb. 22, 1817, probated Oct. 6, 1817, mention is made of wife Naomi; sons Allen, Charles and Benjamin; daughters Agatha Hatch and Rebecca Wright; children of son Zaccheus and of daughter Mary, both deceased.

By the date given in his third marriage he was born in 1730 instead of 1731 as given elsewhere.

Zaccheus Rogers of Marshfield, shipwright, conveyed (his wife Submit joining in the deed) Dec. 22, 1767, to Timothy Rogers, yeoman, "all my real estate, both upland and meadow, that fell to me in the division of the real estate of my late honored father Timothy Rogers deceased, except the Pine land." (Plymouth Deeds 54/17.)

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9-7

ADAM ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. Feb. 4, 1732/3, at Marshfield; d. Oct. 24, 1834, aged 101 yrs., 8 mos. He m. LYDIA ROGERS (1-6-1-3-2) (pub. Oct. 12, 1757), dau. of SAMUEL and EXPERIENCE (THOMAS) ROGERS, who was b. Nov. 17, 1734, and d. Jan. 31, 1813. He resided at Marshfield and was a blacksmith.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF ADAM AND LYDIA (ROGERS) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

i ADAM, b. 1758; d. Sept. 26, 1761, aged 3 yrs.
ii LYDIA, b. Mar. 23, 1760; bap. Aug. 4, 1765; d. unmarried, Aug. 12, 1819, aged 59 years.
iii SAMUEL, b. 1761; bap. Aug. 4, 1765.
iv ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 30, 1763; bap. Aug. 4, 1765.
v HANNAH, b. Oct. 9, 1765; bap. Dec. 1, 1765; d. unmarried and blind in old age.
vi WALTER, b. Aug. 5, 1767; bap. Oct. 4, 1767.
vii ADAM, b. Jan. 9, 1769 bap. July 2, 1769.
viii EUNICE, b. 1771; bap. Apr. 25, 1771.
ix JANE (JEANE), bap. May 16, 1773.
x ABEL, bap. May 25, 1775.
xi ELISHA, b. July 5, 1777; bap. Aug. 17, 1777.

1-6-9-8

ELIZABETH ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. at Mansfield. She m. LIEUT. JOSEPH TOLMAN, probably son of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH ( ) TOLMAN, on Apr. 11, 1754. He was bap. Nov. 6, 1716. (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9-9

JANE ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield; m. THOMAS OLDHAM of Scituate on Dec. 10, 1752.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9-10

EUNICE ROGERS (*Timothy, Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS, b. at

Marshfield, d. 1837 (?). She m. NATHANIEL FORD, son of PELEG and ALICE (WARREN) FORD, on Feb. 12, 1756. He was b. July 11, 1731. She resided at Marshfield and is said to have moved to Readfield, Me.

(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL AND EUNICE (ROGERS) FORD:
Born in Marshfield.

i PELEG, b. Apr. 19, 1757.
ii NATHANIEL, b. Mar. 20, 1759.
iii CHARLES, b. Aug. 5, 1761.
iv JAMES, b. Oct. 20, 1763.
v EUNICE, b. Apr. 3, 1765.
vi ELSIE, b. Sept., 1768.
vii LYDIA, b. Nov. 2, 1770.
viii PHEBE, b. Oct. 7, 1773.

1-8-1-1

ABISHA STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. about 1706 at Pembroke (?). His marriage record says he was born in Kingston. He died before 1755. (Probate Rec. of Suffolk 2.) He m. ELIZABETH JAMES of Hingham, dau. of THOMAS and PATIENCE (TOWER) JAMES, on Aug. 21, 1730 (Cohasset Rec.). She was b. Aug. 21, 1706 (Cohasset Hist. and Gen. 1909), and d. June 21, 1768. He resided on South Main St., Hingham (Hingham Rec.); "Of Hingham, Shipwright" (Suffolk Probates).

CHILDREN OF ABISHA AND ELIZABETH (JAMES) STETSON:
(Births from Hingham Town Hist.)

i LEMUEL, b. Jan. 21, 1731, at Hingham.
ii LEVI, b. Dec. 12, 1732, at Hingham.
iii GAIUS, b. Aug. 14, 1739, at Hingham; d. Dec. 9, 1757. (Pembroke Rec.)
iv JOHN, b. July 10, 1741, at Hingham.
v ELIZABETH, b. abt. 1735 (Cohasset Rec.); d. May 12, 1735. (Cohasset Rec.)

The baptisms of these children are on the Cohasset Church Rec.

1-8-1-2

CORNELIUS STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. Nov., 1708 (Pembroke Rec.); d. about 1772 at Westerly R. I. (Probate Rec.) He m. THANKFUL

Saunders of Westerly, R. I., dau. of Stephen and Thankful (Crandall) Saunders (Westerly Rec.), on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1733. He resided at Westerly, R. I.

Cornelius for many years kept "a tavern and house of publick entertainment."

From the Westerly Land Evidences, 1734, we copy:

"I, Stephen Saunders, in consideration of the affection and love which I bear my beloved son-in-law Cornelius Studson do give, grant etc. . . . . 4 acres more or less beginning at Attiquampo brook where ye road or highway leads from James Leweses to the highway that goes from Shattucks ware bridge to the Country road" . . . .

Here near the crotch of the road Cornelius built his house that afterwards became the Village Tavern. In 1737 Cornelius enlarged his plot to 14 acres by purchasing 10 acres of George Lewis.

In 1745 and successively for many years it was "voted that Cornelius Studson have a license to keep a tavern or house of publick entertainment." For this privilege he at first paid £3. annually and later as high as £8. Cornelius kept the tavern as long as he lived, and was succeeded by his son Stephen and later by Cornelius, Jr., and still later by his son James.

We find in the Boston records the following entry:

"Married Dec. 13, 1731, Cornelius Stetson of Braintree and Sarah Pepper of Boston."

Did Cornelius marry first before going to Rhode Island Sarah Pepper of Boston?

Children of Cornelius and Thankful (Saunders) Stetson:

i Elizabeth, m. Gideon Saunders of Westerly, R. I., Sept. 30, 1753.

ii Freegift, b. June 26, 1738; m. William Coon of Hopkinton, R. I., Jan. 6, 1763. They were married by Stephen Saunders, Justice of the Peace.

iii Sarah, b. Oct. 2, 1740.

iv Hannah, b. Nov., 1742; m. Rowland Champlain, Dec. 21, 1783.

v Ruth, b. Mar. 27, 1745; m. William Thurston of Hopkinton, Jan. 17, 1763. They were married by Stephen Saunders, J. P.

vi Stephen, b. May 17, 1747.

vii Cornelius, b. Aug. 7, 1749.

viii Thomas, m. Mary Hall, Jan., 1758. Married by Stephen Saunders, J. P.

1-8-1-3

NATHANIEL STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. Mar. 5, 1710 (Pembroke Rec.), d. Oct. 26, 1787, aged 77 yrs., 7 mo., 20 days; buried in Old cemetery at Pembroke Centre where stone may still be seen. He m. ELIZABETH STETSON, dau. of SAMUEL (son of JOSEPH) and ELIZABETH ( ) STETSON, on Jan. 8, 1740. (Scituate Rec.) She was b. Mar. 27, 1717. He resided at Pembroke.

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL AND ELIZABETH (STETSON) STETSON:

i SAMUEL, b. May 3, 1742, in Pembroke.
ii RACHAEL, b. Aug. 20, 1744, in Pembroke; m. Zacchaeus Fish Nov. 25, 1779.
iii NATHANIEL, b. Mar. 4, 1746, in Pembroke.
iv THADDEUS, b. May 16, 1749, in Pembroke; d. Mar. 16, 1770, aged 21 yrs.
v LOT, b. Sept. 21, 1751, in Pembroke.
vi ABNER, b. Aug. 15, 1754, in Pembroke.
vii SYLVANIA, bap. Nov. 5, 1758; m. Oct. 25, 1781, Joshua Magoun; d. before 1787. (See father's will.)
viii ELIZABETH, bap. Nov. 5, 1758. Mr. Barry says she never married, but there is a Boston record of Elizabeth Stetson who married Jacob Jackson June 10, 1784. It may have been this Elizabeth.

1-8-1-4

JENNET STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. Apr. 17, 1711; m. BENJAMIN THOMAS, son of DANIEL and EXPERIENCE (TILDEN) THOMAS, on Nov. 5, 1730, at Pembroke. (V. R.) He was b. July 27, 1707, at Marshfield, and d. 1759 at Marshfield. She resided at Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND JENNET (STETSON) THOMAS:

i JEAN, b. Mar. 29, 1732.
ii DANIEL, b. May 15, 1736.
iii BETTY (ELIZABETH), b. June 25, 1738.
iv LUCINDA, b. Oct. 9, 1741.
v ISAAC, b. Apr. 7, 1746.
vi SYLVINA, b. May 1, 1748.
vii BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 23, 1750.
viii LENITY, b. June 7, 1755.
ix EXPERIENCE, b. Jan. 4, 1756.

1-8-1-5

JOHN STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. Sept. 1712 at Pembroke, d. Dec. 12, 1802, at Pembroke, aged 92 years. He m. (1) ABIGAIL CROOKER, dau. of DANIEL and MARGERY ( ) CROOKER, on Nov. 28, 1734. She was b. Oct. 17, 1713. He m. (2) DEBORAH TOWER of Cumberland, R. I., dau. of CAPT. GIDEON and ( ) TOWER. (*Stetson Kindred of America,* vol. 2, p. 15.)

He was a "furnace man," and was a pioneer in the iron business. (See *Stetson Kindred of America,* vol. 2, p. 15.)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ABIGAIL (CROOKER) STETSON:

i NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 1, 1736.
ii ABISHA, b. May 20, 1738.
iii ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 10, 1740; m. William Standish, Dec. 8, 1763.
iv JOHN, bap. Sept. 26, 1742; d. young.
v RUTH, b. Apr. 5, 1746.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND DEBORAH (TOWER) STETSON:

vi ISAIAH, b. July 10, 1750.
vii TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 16, 1752; d. aged 21 years, "about to be married"; "bled to death."
viii DEBORAH, b. Jan. 30, 1755; m. Nathaniel Randall, Mar. 28, 1776. Mr. Barry says she went to Vermont to live.
ix NATHAN, b. Dec. 15, 1757.
x GAIUS b,. Apr. 9, 1759; d. young.
xi LILLIS, b. Dec. 5, 1761; m. (1) Aruna Fullington, Apr. 22, 1784, and went to Vermont; m. (2) Zebidee Hackett and lived in Woodstock, Vt.
xii NAOMI, b. Mar. 7, 1765, in Pembroke; m. (1) ———; m. (2) Miles Sampson, Mar. 5, 1788; d. about 1815.
xiii CONTENT, b. Mar. 28, 1768.
xiv PRISCILLA, b. Sept. 14, 1770; m. (1) John Weston of Duxbury, Jan. 1, 1794; m. (2) Wait Wadsunth of Duxbury.

1-8-1-6

PELEG STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. Apr. 30, 1715, at Pembroke; d. May 16, 1806, at Abington. (V. R.) He m. MERCY RAMSDELL, dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (ALVERSON) RAMSDELL of Hanover, on Mar. 9, 1738. She was b. Nov. 5, 1717, and d. Nov. 28, 1797. (Abington V. R.) He resided in Abington.

CHILDREN OF PELEG AND MERCY (RAMSDELL) STETSON:

i ISAAC, b. Aug. 23, 1738.
ii EPHRAIM, b. July, 1740; d. Apr., 1743.
iii EPHRAIM, b. Mar. 28, 1743.
iv MERCY.
v LEVI, b. June, 1747.
vi BETTY, b. Apr., 1749; d. young.
vii PELEG, b. Apr. 1751.
viii LABAN, b. Aug., 1753.
ix BETTY, bap. Oct. 19, 1755 (Abington, V. R.); d. Jan., 1835.
x HANNAH, b. Nov. 9, 1757; d. June 30, 1841, unmarried.
xi OLIVER, b. May 3, 1760. (Abington, V. R.)

1-8-1-8

JERUSHA STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ISAAC and ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON, b. 1718. She m. ELISHA PALMER of Hanover, son of SAMUEL and ANN (CLERK) PALMER, on Dec. 31, 1741. (Pembroke V. R.) He was bap. May 8, 1720, and d. Aug., 1778. She resided at Hanover.

CHILDREN OF ELISHA AND JERUSHA (STETSON) PALMER:
(Born in Hanover.)

i MERCY, b. Nov. 9, 1742; d. unmarried, Feb. 11, 1825.
ii ELNATHAN, b. Feb. 13, 1746.
iii ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 12, 1747; m. Nov. 23, 1775, Elisha Sylvester, Jr.
iv BRADBURY, b. Dec. 1, 1752; m. Sept. 13, 1783, Ruth Waterman of Duxbury.
v LILLIS, b. Sept. 2, 1757; m. Aug. 29, 1777, Nathaniel House.
vi JERUSHA, b. Jan. 24, 1762; m. in 1780, Ephraim Waterman.

1-1-1-4-5

JOHN STETSON (*Nehemiah, Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and SARAH (DESPARD) STETSON, b. 1731, d. Jan. 17, 1776, aged 45 yrs., 4 mo., 18 days. (Pembroke Rec.) Gravestone in Stetson Cem., Pembroke. He m. JOANNA DOTEN on Feb. 3, 1763. Int. wid. JOANNA DOTEN of Plympton, Feb. 28, 1763. (Halifax Rec.)

CHILD OF JOSEPH AND JOANNA ( ) DOTEN STETSON:

i SILAS, b. Oct. 13, 1763. (Plympton Rec.)

In 1790 to 1797 and 1797 "Silas Stetson, laboring man," bought tracts of land of Elisha Green, Christopher Green and Christopher Allen in North Kingstown, R. I. (North Kingstown Rec.)

In 1802 "Staals Morris, Captain in Artillery of U. S. and David McKinnon of the City of New York, on the 1st part" sold to "Silas Studson of the town of Palatin, County of Montgomery, on the 2nd part" in consideration of the sum of $900. "lands in Pattent commonly called 'Lot and Laws' in town of Palatin." (Land Rec. of Fonda, N. Y.)

I-I-I-4-6

NEHEMIAH STETSON (*Nehemiah, Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of NEHEMIAH and SARAH (DESPARD) STETSON, bap. Mar. 9, 1729, at Pembroke, d. Jan. 11, 1756, at Halifax. He m. Wid. ELIZABETH BEARSE of Halifax on July 30, 1754, at Halifax. She m. (3) ABNER HALL of Kingston, July 15, 1758. (Halifax Rec.) He resided at Halifax.

CHILD OF NEHEMIAH AND WID. ELIZABETH ( ) BEARSE STETSON:

i SARAH, b. Feb. 21, 1755; m. Gamaliel Bryant of Halifax, Nov. 20, 1772. Int. Nov. 2, 1772. (Halifax Rec.)

I-I-I-4-8

DEBORAH STETSON (*Nehemiah, Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of NEHEMIAH and SARAH (DESPARD) STETSON, bap. May 11, 1735. She m. JABEZ HALL of Halifax on Apr. 12, 1762. (Halifax Rec.)

CHILDREN OF JABEZ AND DEBORAH (STETSON) HALL:

i BETTY.
ii JABEZ.
iii DEBORAH.
iv HANNAH.
v NEHEMIAH.
vi JOHN.
vii JOSEPH.
viii MOLLEY.

I-I-I-5-1

ABEL STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and ABIGAIL (HATCH) STETSON, bap. Nov. 10, 1728, d. Jan. 12, 1776, aged 47 yrs., 3 mo., 21 days; will dated Jan. 11, 1766. He m. LYDIA WASHBURN, dau. of ELISHA and MARTHA (PERKINS) WASHBURN of Kingston, on Dec. 26, 1751. (Plymptom Rec.) She d. Nov. 10, 1810, aged 81 yrs. (Pembroke Rec.) He resided at Pembroke.

CHILDREN OF ABEL AND LYDIA (WASHBURN) STETSON:

i HESEKIAH, b. Dec. 2, 1752. (Pembroke Rec.)
ii LYDIA, b. Aug. 11, 1754 (Pembroke Rec.); d. Sept. 26, 1754.

iii Abel, b. Aug. 7, 1755. (Pembroke Rec.)
iv Abthia, b. July 22, 1757; d. Oct. 13, 1758. (Pembroke Rec.)
v Zenas, b. Nov. 7, 1759. (Pembroke Rec.)
vi Lydia, b. Mar. 19, 1762. (Pembroke Rec.)
vii Martha, b. Dec. 4, 1765. (Pembroke Rec.)
viii Hannah, b. Sept. 1, 1763; burned to death Oct. 28, 1841.
ix Matta, b. Dec. 4, 1765 (probably same as Martha above).
x Abigail (called Nabby in her mother's will); never married.
xi Joseph, d. Jan. 10, 1775, aged 7 yrs. 20 days. (G. S. Rec.)

1-1-1-5-2

John Stetson (*Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Joseph and Abigail (Hatch) Stetson, b. May 20, 1730, d. Jan. 17, 1776, at Pembroke, aged 45 yrs., 4 mos., 18 days. (Pembroke Rec.) He m. Hannah Cushing, dau. of Theophilus and Hannah (Lewis) Cushing (Cushing Gen., 1905), on June 25, 1770. (Pembroke Rec.) She was b. April 29, 1744, at Pembroke. She m. (2) William White of Middleboro July 30, 1778. (Pembroke Rec.) John Stetson was a Revolutionary soldier.

Children of John and Hannah (Cushing) Stetson:

i Hannah, b. Mar. 29, 1771 (Pembroke Rec.); m. ——— Neal in Ohio.
ii John, b. Nov. 16, 1772, in Pembroke. (Pembroke Rec.)
iii Joseph, b. Dec. 26, 1774, at Pembroke; d. young. (Pembroke Rec.)

1-1-2-1-1

Mary Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. Dec. 9, 1717. She m. (1) John Vinal, Jr., on Jan. 29, 1736. She m. (2) James Woodworth.

Children of John and Mary (Stetson) Vinal:

i John.
ii Simeon.
iii Ezekiel.
iv Elizabeth.
v Ruth.

Children of Samuel and Mary (Stetson) Woodworth:

vi Samuel.
vii James.
viii William.
ix Elisha.
x Benjamin. (Father of the poet, Samuel Woodworth, author of the "Old Oaken Bucket.")

1-1-2-1-2

Isaac Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. Oct. 19, 1719, at Scituate; d. June 8, 1811, at Scituate, aged 92 yrs. He m. Ruth Prouty, dau. of Isaac and Elizabeth (Merritt) Prouty, on Nov. 16, 1749, at Scituate. She was b. Sept. 7, 1728, and d. Sept. 18, 1805. He resided near "George Moore's swamp" in a house built by his grandfather, Robert. He lived here 92 years. Mr. Barry says: "He was very much respected and beloved."

Children of Isaac and Ruth (Prouty) Stetson:

i Isaac, b. Nov. 30, 1750, at Scituate; d. Mar. 5, 1778, on board Jersey Prison Ship. He was on the list of prisoners sent from Newport, R. I., in the prison ship "Lord Sandwich." Landed at Bristol, Mar. 7, 1778. Reported as "Seaman," also as having died at Newport. He was a "Minute Man" and marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He was Sergt. in two Scituate companies. (Mass. Rec.)

ii Ruth, b. Mar. 27, 1752 at Scituate; d. Jan. 28, 1831; m. John Lincoln (int.) Oct. 2, 1779. Moved to Maine.

iii Elizabeth, b. Jan. 7, 1754, at Scituate.

iv Anna, b. Sept. 22, 1755, at Scituate.

v Eunice, b. May 31, 1757, at Scituate; d. Nov. 28, 1758.

vi Elisha, b. April 8, 1759, at Scituate.

vii Eunice, b. Jan. 2, 1761, at Scituate.

viii Abigail, b. Dec. 26, 1762.

ix Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1765. Owned and occupied her father's farm at "George's Swamp" until she died unmarried at the age of 92 yrs. A very capable woman much beloved by her neighbors. (See sketch in *Stetson Kindred,* Book 6.)

x Cloe, b. Aug. 21, 1767, at Scituate; m. Benjamin Bowker, Jr., June 30, 1791, and moved to Charlestown.

xi David, b. July 7, 1769.

1-1-2-1-3

Joseph Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. Feb. 24, 1722, at Scituate, d. at Kingston. He m. Mary Eames, on Sept. 15, 1743, at Marshfield. He resided at Scituate and Kingston.

Mr. Barry found from old papers and probate records that Joseph lived in Kingston in 1749 and 1758. In Mr. Barry's genealogy the children of Joseph are credited to Joshua (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet*

Robert), but it is now perfectly plain that they, and also Joseph, whom Mr. Barry had not discovered on the Kingston records, were children of Joseph and Mary (Eames) Stetson. N. M. S.

Children of Joseph and Mary (Eames) Stetson:

i Joseph, bap. Jan. 19, 1744/5. "Baptized in Private not being Likely to Live." (Rec. of 2nd Church, Scituate.) The child doubtless died.
ii Susanna (or Lusanna), b. Feb. 28, 1745; bap. July 27, 1746. (Rec. 2nd Church, Scituate.)
iii Molly (Mary), b. Aug. 15, 1748; bap. Sept. 25, 1748. (Rec. 2nd Church, Scituate.)
iv Prudence, b. Mar. 19, 1750; bap. Dec. 1, 1751 (Rec. 2nd Church, Scituate); m. Thomas Macomber, 3rd, of Marshfield, July 28, 1768. (Early Marriages of Plymouth County.)
v Joseph, bap. Mar. 21, 1755. (Kingston Rec.)
vi Jedediah, bap. Jan. 23, 1757. (Kingston Rec.) "What became of him I do not know." (Barry, 1847.) We have not found him either.

1-1-2-1-4

Anna Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. June 2, 1724. She m. William Hayden, son of John and Mary (Vinal) Hayden, on May 18, 1744.

Children of William and Anna (Stetson) Hayden:
(From Scituate Records.)

i William.
ii Anna.
iii Prudence.
iv Desire.
v Tamerson.
vi Ezra.
vii Peleg.
viii Elisha.

1-1-2-1-5

Charles Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. Oct. 17, 1726, at Scituate. He m. Bathsheba (Hatch) Nye, widow of Jonathan Nye of Rochester, (int.) on Aug. 8, 1752. He resided at Rochester.

"Mattapoiset and Old Rochester" gives Charles Stetson's "Rate Bill" in 1776, 14s. 4d. The Daughters of the American Revolution recognize this as acceptable or as equivalent to having given service in the Revolutionary War.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES AND BATHSHEBA (HATCH) STETSON:

i ANNE, b. May 28, 1753, at Rochester; m. Ebenezer Morse, Dec. 26, 1771.
ii CHARLES, b. May 24, 1755, at Rochester.
iii HANNAH, b. July 4, 1757, at Rochester.
iv REBECCA, b. Sept. 30, 1761, at Rochester; m. Richard Hammond of Fairhaven, Mar. 30, 1784. (Dartmouth Rec.)
v THADDEUS, b. June 23, 1764, at Rochester.
vi JOSEPH, b. Aug. 16, 1772, at Rochester. (Mr. Barry gives his birth as 1758.)

1-1-2-1-6

EZRA STETSON (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ANTHONY and ANNA (SMITH) STETSON, b. Sept. 22, 1729, at Scituate, d. April 7, 1805 (Hardwick Rec.); G. S. (Dana) "in his 75th year." He m. SARAH RYDER of Plymouth on Jan. 14, 1757. Int. April 4, 1757. (Plymouth Rec.) She was b. July 19, 1735, and d. Aug. 16, 1814; G. S. (Dana) "in her 79th year." He resided at Hardwick.

Tradition says that he had a crippled leg. "Mattapoisett and Old Rochester" gives Ezra Stetson's Rate Bill as 15s. 11d. and he has been accepted by the Daughters of the American Revolution as having given service or its equivalent in the Revolutionary War.

CHILDREN OF EZRA AND SARAH (RYDER) STETSON:

i ANTHONY, b. 1767.
ii BENJAMIN, b. July 9, 1758, at Plymouth.
iii EZRA.
iv MARY (POLLY).
v HANNAH, m. William White of Fairhaven, Mar. 24, 1784; (Dartmouth Rec.) m. (2) Solomon Hinds, Jr., of Greenwich, Oct. 2, 1791. (Hardwick Rec.)
vi SALLY (SARAH).
vii ANNA, m. Thaddeus Russell of Dana, May 30, 1803; he d. Nov. 7, 1843, aged 70 yrs. (Hardwick Rec.)

1-1-2-1-7

ELISHA STETSON (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ANTHONY and ANNA (SMITH) STETSON, b. Jan. 28, 1731, bap. Aug.

4, 1734 (Scituate Rec.), d. before 1758. He m. LYDIA COOK* of Kingston on Dec. 17, 1753. (Scituate Rec. and Kingston Rec.)

CHILD OF ELISHA AND LYDIA (COOK) STETSON:

i PHOEBE, b. Jan. 30, 1755. (Kingston Rec.)

I-I-2-I-8

THOMAS STETSON (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ANTHONY and ANNA (SMITH) STETSON, b. Apr. 22, 1734 (Scituate Rec.), d. Oct. 23, 1785, at Barnstable (Barry's Notes). He m. SUSANNA GRAY of Barnstable on Nov. 22, 1764. (Barnstable Rec.) She died Feb. 8, 1795. He resided at Sandwich.

He was a ship carpenter and was called "Thomas Studson of Sandwich." By the probate records of Barnstable we find he left a "dwelling house, all buildings on the place, wharf, marsh and ¼ of a building on Potter's Island."

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND SUSANNA (GRAY) STETSON:
(All dates in this family are from Barry's Record.)

i THOMAS, b. July 15, 1766.
ii SUSANNA, b. 1770; d. July 21, 1842; m. Thomas D. Young about 1795. Left four children.
iii MARY, b. 1774; m. Job Stevens of Fairhaven about 1795. He died in 1831. She left children.

I-I-2-I-9

BENJAMIN STETSON (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ANTHONY and ANNA (SMITH) STETSON, b. July 7, 1736 (Scituate Rec.), d. Dec. 30, 1821, aged 86. (Scituate Rec.) He m. MERCY TURNER, dau. of BENJAMIN and MERCY ( ) TURNER, on June 14, 1763. (Scituate Rec.)

Benjamin was a tailor and was listed in the Boston Directory for the years 1798 and 1800 as "taylor" with a shop on Middle Street.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND MARY (TURNER) STETSON:

i LUCY, b. April 26, 1766 (Scituate Rec.); d. 1836 (Scituate Rec.); m. Benjamin T. Lane, Nov. 25, 1790 (Scituate Rec.) and moved to Sherburne.
ii MERCY, b. Nov. 30, 1768.
iii BENJAMIN (twin), b. Jan. 8, 1771. (Scituate Rec.)

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*Lydia, his widow, m. (2) in Abington, Nathaniel Cushing, Feb. 15, 1758. (Abington Rec.) *The Cushing Genealogy* gives her as the widow of Elisha Stetson.

iv Joseph (twin), b. Jan. 8, 1771 (Scituate Rec.); d. unmarried Oct. 12, 1798. Mr. Barry in his notes says that he was a mariner.
v Betsey.
vi Fanny, b. July 20, 1775; d. Sept. 6, 1803; m. James Bradburn of Wrentham, June 4, 1797 (Beverly Rec.), and moved to Beverly. He was son of John and Nancy (Sparling) Bradburn, born in Dublin, Ire., Jan. 1, 1777; died in Albany, N. Y., Apr. 25, 1839.

1-1-2-1-10

Abiel Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. Oct. 23, 1738 (Scituate Rec.), d. Aug. 28, 1819, at Chesterfield, aged 81 years; buried in Chesterfield. He m. Ruth Bonney of Hardwick, dau. of Job and Ruth (Bisbee) Bonney of Duxbury, on Feb. 24, 1767 (Hardwick Rec.), who d. April 12, 1809, at Chesterfield, aged 63 yrs. (Barry.) He resided at Chesterfield.

"Abial settled in Chesterfield. His deed to land there is dated Sept. 9, 1765, being lot 32 in the original survey. Mr. William Stetson, his grandson, says 'My grandfather wintered in Chesterfield the first winter in company with a man named Benjamin Bryant, also from Scituate. I have heard him say they lived in a log house covered with bark and were obliged to watch and keep a good fire all night to prevent freezing to death.'" (Barry's Notes.)

Children of Abial and Ruth (Bonney) Stetson:
(Data from Mr. Barry's records.)

i Mary, b. abt. 1768; m. Elias Parsons of Chesterfield, Oct. 23, 1796.
ii Cynthia, b. Mar. 1772; d. Oct. 14, 1846, at Beaver Dam, Wis.; m. Dean Franklin, Sept., 1807.
iii Bela, b. Oct., 1776.
iv Hannah, m. Nathan Healy, 1804, and went to Marcellus, N. Y.; d. Aug. 1, 1818.

1-1-2-1-11

Martha Stetson (*Anthony, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Anthony and Anna (Smith) Stetson, b. Aug. 18, 1741, d. April 22, 1815, at Chesterfield. She m. Seth Taylor of Pembroke on Nov. 29, 1759. She resided at Chesterfield.

Children of Seth and Martha (Stetson) Taylor:
(All born in Chesterfield.)
They had ten children.

1-1-2-4-1

JOB STETSON (*William, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of WILLIAM and HANNAH (LAPHAM) STETSON, b. June 3, 1724 (Scituate Rec.), d. before 1767. (Probate Rec.) He m. MARY PROUTY of Scituate, dau. of EDWARD and ELIZABETH (HOW) PROUTY (Prouty Gen.), on Sept. 27, 1742. (Scituate Rec.) She was b. Oct. 22, 1719.

CHILDREN OF JOB AND MARY (PROUTY) STETSON:

i MALACHI (or MALTIAH), bap. June 26, 1743. (Scituate Rec.)
ii RHODA, bap. Feb. 10, 1744/5. (Scituate Rec.)
iii LUTHER, b. Jan., 1747 (Barry); bap. May 6, 1750. (Scituate Rec.)

1-1-2-4-3

WILLIAM STETSON (*William, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of WILLIAM and HANNAH (LAPHAM) STETSON, b. about 1728, bap. Sept. 28, 1738. (Scituate Rec.) He m. MARY LINCOLN, dau. of JOSHUA* and MERCY (DWELLEY) LINCOLN, on July 19, 1764. (Scituate Rec.) She was b. April 11, 1744, at Scituate. "Widow Mary Stetson died Jan. 17, 1821." (Eastport, Me., City Rec.)

Much of the information of this family is from Eaton's History of Rockland and South Thomaston, Me., 1865.

William Stetson was chairman of Selectmen of Bristol, Me., almost continuously from its incorporation in 1765 until his removal to Thomaston in 1784. May 2, 1768, he was chosen chairman of the committee to provide preaching and lay out ground for a meeting house, a training field and a burying place near Broad Cove on land cleared for the purpose in 1766. (Bristol Rec.)

William Stetson of Bristol, Lincoln County, Me., sold 42 acres and buildings thereon at Broad Cove, Bristol, in 1784. His wife, Mary, signed the deed. (Wiscasset Deeds.) He is first mentioned in Thomaston Feb. 14, 1787. He was a ship builder and was surveyor of lumber in 1794.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARY (LINCOLN) STETSON:

i CALEB, b. 1765.
ii ACHSAH, b. 1770; m. Elisha Snow, 2nd, and resided in South Thomaston, Me.; d. May 16, 1796.

*Joshua Lincoln, the father of Mary, wife of William, was the son of Solomon and Hannah (Stetson) Lincoln, and all the descendants of William and Mary are descended in three lines from Cornet Stetson.

iii Isaac.
iv Joseph (Capt.), m. Ann Battles; was lost at sea. (Thomaston Rec.)
v Samuel.
vi Stephen.
vii William.
viii Mercy, m. Rev. ——— Parker and removed to Lowell, Mass.
ix Lemuel.

We have succeeded in locating the daughters and two of the sons, but it seems probable, as Mr. Barry says, the other sons being ship carpenters located in the Provinces.

1-1-2-4-4

Stephen Stetson (*William, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of William and Hannah (Lapham) Stetson, bap. Sept. 28, 1738, "in private" (Scituate Rec.), d. 1801. (Barry's Notes.) He m. Experience Palmer, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Stetson) Palmer, on Dec. 19, 1762. (Scituate Rec.) She was bap. July 1, 1739, and d. Jan. 11, 1829, at Scituate, "a worthy woman." (Deane.)

He was a minute man April 19, 1775, also a clerk in Capt. Anthony Waterman's company. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Stephen and Experience (Palmer) Stetson:

i Stephen, b. July 17, 1763; was a blacksmith and died unmarried Oct. 10, 1832. (Scituate Rec.)
ii Hannah, b. 1765.
iii Charles (twin), b. Sept. 12, 1767.
iii-a Rachael (twin), b. Sept. 12, 1767.
iv William (twin), b. Aug. 17, 1771.
iv-a Jane (twin), b. Aug. 17, 1771; m. William Copeland, Oct. 31, 1815. (Scituate Rec.)
v Huldah, b. Dec. 25, 1774.

1-1-2-5-1

Margaret Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. Dec. 13, 1738. (Braintree Rec.) She m. (1) Adam Howard and (2) John Gibbons.

1-1-2-5-2

Amos Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. May 19, 1730, at Braintree (Braintree Rec.), d. 1779 at Saratoga, N. Y., in the Revolutionary

War. (Mass. Rec.) He m. EXPERIENCE HOLBROOK. (Mr. Barry says she m. (2) a LORING of Hingham, and (3) a CROSBY. He resided at Stoughton and was a cordwainer.

CHILDREN OF AMOS AND EXPERIENCE (HOLBROOKS) STETSON:
(List is taken from Mr. Barry's Records.)

i BETSEY.
ii ROBERT, b. 1763. "Robert Studson," also "Stutson," "birthplace Stoughton; enlisted June 14, 1779; age 16; height 5 ft. 2 in. (later recited as 5 ft. 4 in.); complection, ruddy; drummer; fifer; Discharged June 9, 1783 by Gen. Washington his term of enlistment having expired." He served four years and in six different companies. (Mass. Sol. and Sail. in Rev. War.) Died aged 19 or 20, says Mr. Barry.
iii JACOB, b. 1769.
iv ISAAC.
v JOSHUA, b. Sept. 15, 1770.
vi RHODA, m. Isaiah Thayer of Sterling as his 2nd wife, June 17, 1817. (Braintree Rec.) No children.
vii PHOEBE, b. Feb. 6, 1775.
viii TAMER, d. aged 10 yrs.
ix AMOS, b. Feb. 25, 1777.

1-1-2-5-3

JOHN STETSON (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of AMOS and MARGARET (THAYER) STETSON, b. Oct. 27, 1731, at Randolph, d. June 30, 1811. (Randolph Rec.) He m. RACHAEL PAINE, dau. of SAMUEL and RUTH ( ) PAINE of Randolph (Barry), who d. Nov. 6, 1793 at Randolph, aged 58 yrs. (Randolph Rec.) He resided at Randolph, where he was a farmer. Mr. Barry says he was a very benevolent man. He was in Sawin's Braintree Company in 1776 as by Mass. Rec.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND RACHAEL (PAINE) STETSON:
(Born in Randolph.)

i GIDEON, b. Jan. 18, 1762.
ii SARAH, b. Sept. 16, 1763.
iii RACHAEL, b. Dec. 19, 1764.
iv JOHN, b. Apr. 12, 1766; went to sea in 1794 and was never heard from.
v SAMUEL, b. Aug. 12, 1767.
vi AMASA, b. Mar. 26, 1769.
vii SIMEON, b. Oct. 26, 1770.
viii JONATHAN, b. Apr. 12, 1773.

ix Rebecca, b. Dec. 20, 1774; m. Jacob Canterbury, Esq., of Boston, Apr. 11, 1793 (Boston Rec.); d. May 22, 1807.
x Peter, b. May 5, 1780.
xi Esther, b. July 23, 1784.

1-1-2-5-4

Mary Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. Mar. 14, 1733. (Braintree Rec.) She m. Hezekiah Thayer, son of Hezekiah and Christian (Aspinwall) Thayer, in May, 1751. He was b. Sept. 30, 1730. (See Thayer Mem.)

Children of Hezekiah and Mary (Stetson) Thayer:

i Levi, b. Feb. 2, 1752; m. Hannah Curtis in 1774.
ii Rufus, b. Dec. 10, 1754.
iii Reuben, b. 1758.
iv Samuel, m. Sarah Stetson (1-1-2-5-3-2).
v Nancy, m. Gideon Stetson (1-1-2-5-3-1).
vi Dorcas, b. Dec. 7, 1764; m. Jonathan Thayer in 1785.
vii Amos, m. Millie Holbrook.
viii Thankful.

1-1-2-5-5

Rufus Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. Dec. 8, 1735, at Braintree, d. 1787. He m. Comfort Paine Thayer, who d. Dec. 1830. (Barry's Notes.) He resided at Randolph. He had long service from Braintree in the Revolutionary War. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Rufus and Comfort (Thayer) Stetson:
(From Barry's Records.)

i Sally, b. May 8, 1774; m. William (1-1-2-7-2-5), son of Amos Stetson of Quincy.
ii Jeremiah, b. Sept. 1, 1776.
iii Mary (Polly), m. John Thomas, 2nd, of Weymouth.
iv Nancy, m. Luther Thayer of Weymouth.
v Timothy, b. May 17, 1783.

1-1-2-5-8

Benjamin Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. July 3, 1741, at Braintree, d. Aug., 1817, at Lincolnville, Me. He m. Mary French of Braintree in 1766. He removed from Braintree to Lincolnville, Me.

Benjamin was a farmer. He was a member of Capt. Eliphelet Sawin's company of "Minute Men" from Braintree who assembled April 19, 1775. He had other Revolutionary War service. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Benjamin and Mary (French) Stetson:

i Benjamin, b. Sept. 12, 1766; d. Dec. 12, 1768.
ii Benjamin, b. Nov. 6, 1768.
iii Mary, b. Sept. 14, 1770.
iv Phebe, b. Nov. 21, 1773; m. Michael (?) Thayer.
v Josiah, b. May 2, 1779.
vi Daniel, b. Apr. 25, 1785.

1-1-2-5-9

Gideon Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. July 17, 1745, d. Nov. 4, 1808, aged 62 yrs. (Randolph Rec.) He m. Hannah Holbrook of Braintree in 1770, who was b. Dec. 10, 1752 (Wm. V. Stetson, g. g. son), and d. Sept. 30, 1823 (Wm. V. Stetson, g. g. son). He was a carpenter and was a corporal in the Revolutionary War.

Children of Gideon and Hannah (Holbrook) Stetson:
(Births all from Randolph records except Susanna.)

i William, b. Mar. 27, 1773.
ii Zeba, b. June 15, 1775.
iii Hannah, b. Dec. 14, 1777; m. Nathaniel Holbrook; d. July 6, 1839.
iv James, b. Oct. 15, 1780.
v Abel, b. May 22, 1783.
vi Royal, b. July 11, 1786.
vii Polly, b. June 29, 1789; d. July 9, 1822, unmarried (William V. Stetson).
viii Elisha, b. Sept. 6, 1791; d. Jan. 21, 1808, aged 16 yrs., from a fall on the ice. (Randolph Ch. Rec.)
ix Susanna, b. June 28, 1794. (Barry)

1-1-2-5-10

Thankful Stetson (*Amos, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Amos and Margaret (Thayer) Stetson, b. Feb. 8, 1746, m. Maj. William Seaver of Taunton on Feb. 20, 1771.

Children of Maj. William and Thankful (Stetson) Seaver:
(From Taunton V. R.)

i John, b. 1771.
ii Nathan, b. 1773.

iii Hannah, b. 1775.
iv Benjamin, b. 1777.
v William, b. 1779.
vi Samuel, b. 1781.

1-1-2-7-1

Gideon Stetson (*Gideon, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Gideon and Lydia (Pitcher) Stetson, b. May 6, 1737 (Scituate Rec.), m. Elizabeth Perry of Scituate on Nov. 14, 1757. (Scituate Rec.)

He was a "Minute Man" and marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Afterwards he served as corporal. "Stature 5 ft. 6 in." He had a very long Revolutionary War service from Scituate. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Gideon and Elizabeth (Perry) Stetson:
(As given by Mr. Barry.)

i Hannah.
ii Betsey.
iii Mary; went to Maine and married.
iv Lydia, d. Apr. 6, 1771.

1-1-2-7-2

Amos Stetson (*Gideon, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Gideon and Mary (Paine) Stetson, b. Jan. 9, 1741 (Scituate Rec.), m. (1) Elizabeth Pray of Braintree, int. Mar. 27, 1762. (Scituate Rec.) She d. in January, 1779. (Barry.) He m. (2) Wid. Lydia Richardson of Quincy in 1780. (Barry.)

He had many terms of service in the Revolutionary War from Jan. 1, 1776, to 1780. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Amos and Elizabeth (Pray) Stetson:

i Zenas, b. Aug. 28, 1767.
ii Susan.
iii Amos and Elizabeth (twins), bap. June 17, 1764; d. young. (Pembroke Rec.)
iv Jesse, b. Jan. 15, 1779. Twin brother died and the mother at the same time.

Children of Amos and Lydia ( ) Stetson:

v William, b. Apr. 23, 1781.
vi Lydia, d. young.
vii Fanny, d. aged about 15 yrs.

1-1-2-7-3

ZENAS STETSON (*Gideon, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of GIDEON and MARY (PAINE) STETSON, b. Dec. 28, 1743, at Scituate. He m. MOLLY PERKINS of Pownalboro, Me., on Oct. 11, 1769, at Pownalboro, Me. (Pownalboro, Me., Rec.), who d. Nov. 22, 1784, at Pownalboro, Me.

He was a mason and bricklayer and lived in Pownalboro (later Wiscasset), Me., in a house willed to his son Joseph in 1803, as evidenced by Wiscasset deeds. He paid £48 10s. for a pew in the Pownalboro Church May 14, 1771. By Wiscasset deeds we also find that "Zenas Stetson, bricklayer," bought land on Sheepscott River in 1793.

CHILDREN OF ZENAS AND MOLLY (PERKINS) STETSON:

i ZENAS, b. Dec. 23, 1770, at Pownalboro, Me.
ii POLLY (MARY). Her birth is not given on the records, but as the United States census of 1790 gives Zenas Stetson of Pownalboro, Me., as having two sons and three daughters, this Mary was doubtless his child. Marriage int. Apr. 13, 1800, with William Connor, both of Pownalboro. Married May 29, 1800.
iii JOSEPH, b. July 1, 1779, in Pownalboro, Me.
iv RUTH, b. Sept. 4, 1782, in Pownalboro, Me.; m. John Blakely Oct., 1799, married by Alden Bradford. (Wiscasset Rec.)
v LYDIA, b. Nov. 14, 1784, in Pownalboro, Me.; m. int. July 3, 1803, with Theodore Hilton of Pownalboro, Me.

1-1-2-7-4

LYDIA STETSON (*Gideon, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of GIDEON and MARY (LITTLEFIELD) STETSON, b. Nov. 28, 1745, at Scituate, d. Aug. 17, 1792. She m. JOSEPH BROOKS of Hanover, son of GILBERT and ( ) BROOKS, on July 27, 1769, who d. Dec. 20, 1820, aged 74 yrs. She resided at Hanover. (Hanover Hist.)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND LYDIA (STETSON) BROOKS:

i CURTIS, b. Dec. 12, 1770.
ii LYDIA, b. Mar. 26, 1773; d. May 30, 1849..
iii SARAH, b. Dec. 22, 1775.
iv ELEANOR, b. May 4, 1778.
v JOSEPH, Jan. 1, 1781.
vi ABI, b. Apr. 10, 1783; m. Albert Church and lived in Maine.
vii HANNAH, b. Nov. 20, 1785; d. Aug. 6, 1792.

1-1-2-7-5

HANNAH STETSON (*Gideon, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of GIDEON and MARY (LITTLEFIELD) STETSON, b. Nov. 23, 1747, at Scituate; m. ADAM HUNT of Braintree on March 29, 1770. (Hanover Hist.)

CHILDREN OF ADAM AND HANNAH (STETSON) HUNT:

i NATHANIEL.
ii JOHN.

1-1-2-7-6

MARY STETSON (*Gideon, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of GIDEON and MARY (LITTLEFIELD) STETSON, b. May 11, 1750, at Scituate; m. SETH TURNER of Scituate on Dec. 11, 1774. (Hanover Hist.)

CHILDREN OF SETH AND MARY (STETSON) TURNER:

i HANNAH, m. Warren Sylvester.
ii ESTHER.
iii MARY, m. ——— Hunt.
iv GREENE.
v CHARLOTTE, m. ——— Jennings.
vi SETH.
vii JESSE.
viii HARVEY.
ix HUMPHREY.

1-1-2-8-1

ROBERT STETSON (*Robert, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and HANNAH (TURNER) STETSON, b. May 8, 1740, at Hanover (*Stetson Kindred*, book 4, p. 70); bap. May 18, 1740; d. Jan. 18, 1814, at Hardwick, aged 74 yrs. He m. LYDIA RICH, dau. of SAMUEL and ( ) RICH of Truro, who d. June 23, 1819, at Champlain, N. Y. She was buried in Shutes Corners Cemetery, Champlain, N. Y.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND LYDIA (RICH) STETSON:

i HENRY, b. at Scituate; d. before 1779.
ii HANNAH, b. at Scituate; m. (1) Solomon Hinds of Greenwich, Oct. 2, 1791, and moved to Brandon, Vt.; she m. (2) Andrew Nelson.
iii THOMAS, b. at Scituate; probably d. young.
iv RACHAEL, b. at Scituate; m. Andrew Sears of Greenwich, in Greenwich, Mar., 1787.
v LYDIA, b. at Scituate; m. Zephaniah Hack of Greenwich, Mar. 4, 1790.

vi Robert, b. June 29, 1772, in Hardwick.
vii Susanna, b. Dec. 19, 1774; m. (1) Joshua Bascom of Weston, int. July 14, 1793; m. (2) Eleazer Graves in Bridgport, Vt.
viii Reuben, b. Mar. 23, 1775.
ix Betsey, b. Dec. 29, 1776; m. Asa Blackmore of Pittsford, Vt., Nov. 27, 1800.
x Henry, b. Feb. 3, 1779. (Family Rec. of grandson, A. D. Stetson, Massena, N. Y.)
xi Elijah, b. June 15, 1781.
xii Sally Smith, b. Feb. 17, 1784; m. Silsbee Witherell of Ware, Nov. 29, 1810.
xiii Clarice, b. Mar. 7, 1786. (Hardwick Rec. gives her as daughter of ——— and Hannah. Did she belong in this family?)

(From Hardwick Rec. and from article by Francis Lynde Stetson in *Stetson Kindred,* Book No. 4.)

1-1-2-8-3

Hannah Stetson (*Robert, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Robert and Hannah (Turner) Stetson, b. Sept. 15, 1728, at Hanover. She m. Josiah Randall, Int. Aug., 1771, who was bap. March 24, 1754. (Hanover Hist.)

Child of Josiah and Hannah (Stetson) Randall:

i Olive, b. Aug. 29, 1773.

1-1-2-8-4

Mary Stetson (*Robert, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Robert and Hannah (Turner) Stetson, b. June 22, 1751, at Hanover. She m. Gershom Curtis in 1780. (His 2nd wife.) They removed to Maine. (Hanover Hist.)

Children of Gershom and Mary (Stetson) Curtis:

The following were born in Hanover before their removal to Maine.

i Gershom, b. 1781.
ii Turner, b. 1785.
iii Charles, b. 1787.

1-1-2-8-5

Bachelor Stetson (*Robert, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Robert and Hannah (Turner) Stetson, b. Dec. 11, 1753, at

Hanover, d. 1826 at Greene, Me. He m. Margaret Nash of New Gloucester, Me. He resided at Hanover and removed to Greene, Me., in 1791.

He served in the Revolutionary War and "in the Battle of Bennington he received a charge of powder in his face." (Family Rec.) He had long service as Bombardier. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Bachelor and Margaret (Nash) Stetson:
(Data from *Genealogical Family History of Me.*, 1909.)

i Hannah, m. James Larrabee of Corinna, Me.
ii Deborah, m. John Gilman of St. Albans, Me.
iii Turner, b. Apr. 13, 1788, at Greene, Me.
iv Caleb, d. unmarried in the War of 1812.

1-1-2-8-7

Martha Stetson (*Robert, Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Robert and Hannah (Turner) Stetson, b. July 28, 1760, at Hanover; m. Morgan Brewster on March 31, 1784. She resided at Leeds, Maine. (Brewster Gen.)

Children of Morgan and Martha (Stetson) Brewster:
(All born in Leeds, Me.)

i William.
ii Morgan.
iii Salmon.
iv Olive.
v Martha.
vi Polly.
vii Lydia.

1-1-7-1-1

Deborah Stetson (*Abner, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Abner and Deborah (Stetson) Stetson, b. 1763 at Scituate; m. Abner Crooker of Marshfield on Nov. 27, 1791. (Hanover Hist.)

Children of Abner and Deborah (Stetson) Crooker:

i Abner.
ii Hatch.
iii Isaac (Capt.)

1-1-7-1-2

Joshua Stetson (*Abner, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Abner and Deborah (Stetson) Stetson, b. Oct. 1766 at Scituate in the old house near the Cornet's home. He m. Lydia Ewell of Marsh-

field; int. Oct. 23, 1802. (Scituate Rec.) He resided in Scituate near Church Hill and was in the employ of the United States under the elder Adams. (Barry.) He was a builder and a ship carpenter.

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND LYDIA (EWELL) STETSON:
(Births from Scituate Records.)

i HARRIET, b. Sept. 21, 1803; d. at Hanover very aged; never married.
ii JOSHUA, b. Nov. 21, 1805.
iii ABNER, b. Feb. 26, 1808.
iv ELIZA, b. May 3, 1810; d. Jan. 15, 1832, aged 22 yrs.
v CHARLOTTE, b. Jan. 9, 1813; m. Henry Josselyn of Pembroke June 11, 1833. (Pembroke Rec.)
vi LYDIA, b. July 19, 1816; m. Shubael P. Adams and lived in Lowell. (Barry's Notes)
vii SUSAN, b. Aug. 23, 1819; did not marry.
viii LOIS C., b. Aug. 19, 1822; m. Daniel T. Blanchard of East Bridgewater, int. Oct. 7, 1844, m. Dec. 12, 1844. (Abington Rec.)
ix HANNAH, b. May 13, 1826; d. Dec. 20, 1826.

I-I-7-I-3

LOIS STETSON (*Abner, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ABNER and DEBORAH (STETSON) STETSON, b. 1768 at Scituate, d. 1843. She m. HENRY JOSSELYN of Pembroke on April 13, 1793. (Hanover Hist.)

Of the first child of this family N. M. S. says her name was Lois and that she married Joshua Stetson (I-I-7-I-2-2), while the Hanover History says her name was Deborah S.

CHILDREN OF HENRY AND LOIS (STETSON) JOSSELYN:

i LOIS, b. Jan. 10, 1803; m. Joshua Stetson.
ii CHARLOTTE, m. Gad Soper of Hanson.
iii JOAN, m. ——— Mitchell.
iv HENRY, lived in Pembroke.
v MARY ANN, m. Richard Bowker of Hanson.
vi HANNAH, m. ——— Taylor of New Bedford.
vii A——, m. Eleazer Mann of Leeds, Me.

I-I-7-I-4

ABNER STETSON (*Abner, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ABNER and DEBORAH (STETSON) STETSON, b. July 1771 at Scituate, d. Sept. 13, 1846, at Nobleboro, Me. He m. (1) SUSANNA DAY of

Bristol on Dec. 25, 1795. She d. Sept. 22, 1819. He m. (2) Mary Russ Wiley on July 15, 1820. He went to Newcastle, Me., in 1793, and later to Nobleboro, Me. He was a shipwright.

In 1798 Abner purchased three tracts of land in Newcastle, 229 acres in all, which was the site of his home and ship yards on the Damariscotta River, near the bridge.

Children of Abner and Susanna (Day) Stetson:

i Martha, b. Sept. 14, 1796.
ii Deborah, b. Nov. 22, 1798.
iii Abner, b. Jan. 26, 1800.
iv William D., b. Nov. 18, 1802, at Nobleboro, Me.
v Mary Day, b. Feb. 29, 1804; m. Joseph Hiscock, Dec. 30, 1823.
vi Susanna, b. Jan. 19, 1806; d. Mar. 1, 1809.
vii Waterman, b. Jan. 1, 1807, at Nobleboro, Me.
viii Melzar, b. Nov. 4, 1809.
ix Henry, b. Jan. 2, 1811; d. in 1835.
x Benjamin D., b. May 9, 1813.
xi Abigail, b. Nov. 24, 1814, at Damariscotta, Me.
xii Susanna, b. Aug. 11, 1817; d. Oct. 11, 1819.

Children of Abner and Mary Russ (Wiley) Stetson:

xiii James, b. May 30, 1822, at Damariscotta, Me.
xiv Harry, d. in early manhood.

1-1-7-1-5

Melzar Stetson (*Abner, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Abner and Deborah (Stetson) Stetson, b. Nov. 27, 1772, at Scituate, d. July 18, 1857. (Norwell Rec.) He m. Clarissa Stetson (1-2-1-1-1-7) (*Matthew, Matthew, Benjamin, Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Matthew and Mary (Randall) Stetson, on Oct. 31, 1803. (Oct. 23, says 2nd Ch. Rec.) She was b. Aug. 2, 1778, at Scituate. (Scituate Rec.) He resided in Scituate near Church Hill and was a farmer and ship carpenter.

Children of Melzar and Clarissa (Stetson) Stetson:
(From Scituate Records.)

i Rogers, b. Dec. 19, 1803.
ii Melzar, b. Sept. 30, 1805.
iii Warren, b. Dec. 7, 1807; d. Feb. 19, 1829. (Church Hill Cem. Rec.)
iv Deborah, b. Mar. 1, 1810.

v Clarissa, b. July 17, 1812.
vi George W., b. Feb. 6, 1815.
vii Matthew, b. July 1, 1817.
viii Luther, b. Jan. 28, 1821.

1-1-7-2-2

George Stetson (*George, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of George and Eunice (Stetson) Stetson, bap. June 2, 1751, at Scituate, d. Nov. 12, 1799, aged 48. (Plymouth Prob. Rec.) He m. Betsey Collamore, dau. of Benjamin and Hannah ( ) Collamore, on Oct. 23, 1777, at Scituate. (Collamore Gen.) She d. Jan. 25, 1827, aged 69 yrs., and was buried in South Parish Cemetery, Norwell. (South Parish Cem., Norwell.)

He was a mariner. In the Revolutionary War he was a sergeant and a sergeant major in several companies with long terms of service. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of George and Betsey (Collamore) Stetson:
(From Scituate Records.)

i George W., b. Apr. 10, 1778.
ii Christopher, b. Oct. 20, 1781.
iii Benjamin, b. Dec. 20, 1785. "Has not been heard from for 25 years." (Barry in 1847)
iv Joshua, b. Aug. 10, 1788. Mr. Barry says that Joshua is said to have married and died at sea. In the Bristol, R. I., records we find a Joshua Stetson, son of George and *Mary*, who married Abigail Hoar, daughter of Benjamin and Priscilla Hoar, Sept. 18, 1814. In the Bristol records we also find the death of a Joshua Stetson who died in Batavia Islands, Java, in 1821. Was this the Joshua who was son of George and Betsey (Collamore) Stetson?
v Sarah, m. Sidney Merrill of Boston, Sept. 16, 1791. (Barry)
vi Betsey, b. Dec. 24, 1795.

1-1-7-2-3

Samuel Stetson (*George, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of George and Eunice (Stetson) Stetson, bap. Oct. 20, 1754, at Scituate, d. March 18, 1800, aged 46 yrs. (Sturbridge Rec.); buried in New Cemetery, Sturbridge. He m. Deborah Gross, dau. of Edmund and Olive (Silvester) Gross, on July 16, 1780, at Scituate. She was b. Dec. 31, 1756, at Scituate (Scituate Rec.), and d. June 27, 1833, aged 79; buried in New Cemetery, Sturbridge. (Sturbridge Rec.) He resided at Charlton Centre.

Children of Samuel and Deborah (Gross) Stetson:
(Data from Orlando Stetson, grandson of Samuel.)

i John.
ii Hervey, b. 1786 in Charlton.
iii Samuel, b. 1787.
iv Nancy.

1-1-7-6-2

Zintha Stetson (*Capt. Joseph, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Capt. Joseph and Martha (Gross) Stetson, b. 1781, d. Aug. 21, 1813; m. Ebenezer Curtis, Jr., on April 15, 1804, who d. Aug. 22, 1868, in Maine. (Hanover Hist.)

Children of Ebenezer and Zintha (Stetson) Curtis:
(Born in Hanover.)

i Zoa, b. Feb. 10, 1805.
ii Jeremiah, b. June 26, 1806.
iii Cynthia, b. Mar. 10, 1808; m. William Whiting.
iv Mary H., b. Feb. 13, 1810; m. Benjamin Munroe.
v William B., b. Dec. 26, 1811; d. 1813.

1-1-7-6-4

Capt. Joseph Stetson (*Capt. Joseph, Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of Capt. Joseph and Martha (Gross) Stetson, b. Aug. 27, 1787, at Scituate, d. Sept., 1852, at Hanover. He m. Wid. Betsey (Pool) Whitman of Weymouth, dau. of Asa and Betsey (Bates) Pool of Abington, on May 12, 1839, who d. Dec. 15, 1878. He resided near Church Hill in South Scituate. He was a sea captain.

Children of Capt. Joseph and Betsey (Pool) Stetson:

i Joseph Frank, b. Feb. 1840; m. Henrietta, daughter of Isaac and Matilda (Harding) Prouty of Scituate. He was a Sergeant in the Civil War, was wounded and reported dead and the bells were tolled for him in Hanover and South Scituate. He recovered and d. in 1910 in Hanover. He was a conductor on the Hanover Branch R. R. for over forty years. There were no children.
ii Martha E., b. Nov. 1841 in Scituate; m. Frank Peabody Farrar of Scituate and Hanover. Both d. in Hanover. There were no children.

1-2-1-1-1

Matthew Stetson (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of Matthew and Hannah (Lincoln) Stetson, b.

Aug. 24, 1731, at Hanover Four Corners, d. Jan. 25, 1807, at Scituate. He m. MARY RANDALL of Pembroke, dau. of THOMAS and FAITH (WINSLOW) RANDALL, on Feb. 5, 1761, at Scituate. She d. June 22, 1800, aged 65 years. He resided in Scituate on Capt. Benjamin's farm at Bald Hill.

Matthew was a blacksmith. He was a "Minute Man" in the Revolutionary War; marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He was also credited with two other terms of service, and was a marine on a Continental frigate in 1782. (Mass. Rec.)

CHILDREN OF MATTHEW AND MARY (RANDALL) STETSON:

i MATTHEW, b. Mar. 3, 1763, at Scituate; d. in Boston June 9, 1782.
ii GERSHOM, b. July 27, 1765, in Scituate.
iii WINSLOW, b. Aug. 12, 1767, in Scituate.
iv THOMAS, b. Nov. 6, 1769, in Scituate.
v MARY, b. Jan. 31, 1773, in Scituate; m. a man by the name of Moore and lived in Whitefield, Me.
vi GRACE, b. Feb. 26, 1775, in Scituate; d. June 13, 1792.
vii CLARISSA, b. Aug. 2, 1778, in Scituate; m. Melzar Stetson (1-1-7-1-5), son of Abner, Oct. 22, 1803, in Scituate and had 8 children.
viii MATTHEW, b. Dec. 14, 1761, in Scituate; d. 1763.

1-2-1-1-2

LINCOLN STETSON (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of MATTHEW and HANNAH (LINCOLN) STETSON, b. July 27, 1733, at Hanover, d. about 1785. (Prob. Rec.) He m. SALLY COLEMAN of Scituate in 1769. He resided in Scituate and in 1780 his name was still on the list of members of St. Andrews Church. He removed to Salem.

CHILDREN OF LINCOLN AND SALLY (COLEMAN) STETSON:

i SARAH, b. 1770; d. about 1798; m. Jonathan W. Josselynn, int. Jan. 30, 1791.
ii JAMES, b. 1771; d. 1796.
iii LINCOLN, b. Nov. 16, 1774.
iv WILLIAM, b. Sept. 12, 1777. (Salem Rec.)
v JACOB.

1-2-1-1-5

BENJAMIN STETSON (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of MATTHEW and HANNAH (LINCOLN) STETSON, b. April 7, 1740, at Hanover, and d. April 8, 1819. He m. (1) BRADBURY

Eells of Hanover, dau. of Samuel and Hannah ( ) Eells, on April 30, 1765. (Hanover Rec.) She was b. April 19, 1741, and d. Feb. 19, 1782. He m. (2) Betsey Young, widow of Job Young, dau. of David and ( ) Stockbridge (Hanover Hist., 1910), on Nov. 8, 1784. He resided on Broadway, Hanover.

Benjamin was "of Hanover, Private in Capt. Amos Turner's Co. of Minute Men, Col. James Bailey's Regt. which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775." He had afterwards long service as sergeant, lieutenant, and quartermaster in the same regiment.

Children of Benjamin and Bradbury (Eells) Stetson:

i Edward.
ii Bradbury Eells, bap. July 20, 1766.
iii Benjamin, bap. May 30, 1767.
iv Mary, m. Samuel Plyer, Nov. 21, 1819; lived in Hanover and d. May 16, 1847.
v Joseph, b. 1770; d. Oct. 12, 1778.
vi Charles, b. 1772; d. Oct. 21, 1778.
vii Caleb, b. 1774; d. Oct. 13, 1778.
viii Elisha, b. 1776; d. Oct. 16, 1778.

The last four above listed all died within ten days of one another of "throat ail," probably diphtheria.

1-2-1-1-8

Ephraim Stetson (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of Matthew and Hannah (Lincoln) Stetson, bap. Nov. 17, 1745, at Scituate, d. Feb. 17, 1814, at Hanover, aged 68 yrs. He m. Olive Ramsdell, dau. of Joseph, Jr., and Mary (Daws) Ramsdell of Bridgewater, on Feb. 17, 1778. (Hanover C. R. says 1780.) She was bap. April 25, 1754 (Pembroke C. R.), and d. Nov. 17, 1811, aged 57 years.

"Minute Man" in Capt. John Clap's company of Scituate, April 19, 1775. He is also credited with other service. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War.)

Children of Ephraim and Olive (Ramsdell) Stetson:

i Olive, b. Sept. 7, 1781; d. 1808; m. William Fly of Edgecombe, Me.
ii Celinda, b. Jan. 4, 1782; m. James Harvey Jacobs, Nov. 24, 1811; d. 1812.
iii Matthew, b. Apr. 30, 1784; d. May 15, 1810. He was a mariner.
iv Lusanna, b. May 13, 1786.

v Peddy Daws, b. Feb. 4, 1789; d. Dec. 1813; m. Christopher Josselynn, Feb. 24, 1811. (Scituate Rec.)
vi Ruth, b. Aug. 2, 1792; d. 1828, unmarried.
vii Ephraim, b. Jan. 22, 1794.
viii Eliner, b. Oct. 6, 1797; d. in Boston, Feb. 1838; m. Silas Ramsdell, Sept. 24, 1828. (Pembroke Rec.)

1-2-1-1-9

Jacob Stetson (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of Matthew and Hannah (Lincoln) Stetson, bap. Sept. 27, 1747, at Scituate.

We find no further record of Jacob. On the "U. S. Census of State of Virginia 1790, Shenandoah County," and on "List of Evan Jones" we find "Jacob Stotson," whose family consists of "11 white souls" having a "dwelling and two other buildings." There is no similar name on all the Virginia lists. If this refers to this Jacob, he would then have been 42 years of age.

1-2-1-4-2

Desire Stetson (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Benjamin and Lillis (Turner) Stetson, bap. Aug. 10, 1729; m. Caleb Sylvester, son of Amos and ( ) Sylvester, on Nov. 1, 1750. She resided at Townsend.

Children of Caleb and Desire (Stetson) Sylvester:
(All born in Hanover.)

i Desire, bapt. Feb. 3, 1752; d. Aug. 21, 1754.
ii Caleb, bap. May 5, 1754.
iii Desire, bap. Nov. 30, 1755.
iv Henchman, bap. June 18, 1758.
v Lillis T., bap. June 19, 1763.
vi Grace, bap. June 19, 1763.
vii Joseph, b. Jan. 26, 1764; bap. July 8, 1764.
viii Celia, d. Mar. 28, 1767.
ix Lucinda, b. Feb. 26, 1770.

1-2-1-4-3

Benjamin Stetson (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of Benjamin and Lillis (Turner) Stetson, b. Feb. 28, 1730/1. (Hanover Rec.)

Benjamin is recited as being a mariner. After his father's death, he sold, between 1760 and 1765, the lands he inherited, to his brother Job and others and removed from Hanover. On these deeds he is called "mariner."

Mr. Barry says he had "been told that Benjamin married and left sons Benjamin and Peleg (?) and that he removed to Connecticut." Mr. Barry could find no further record.

He and his brother Job were of the fifth successive generation to possess the estate purchased by the Cornet in 1690 on "share line" (now in Hanover) and given to Capt. Benjamin.

1-2-1-4-4

JOB STETSON (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and LILLIS (TURNER) STETSON, b. March 22, 1733, at Hanover, d. June 10, 1794. (Winchester, N. H., Rec.) He m. HANNAH MUNROE on July 8, 1762. (Pembroke Rec.) He resided at Hanover, Leicester, Winchester, N. H.

Mr. Barry in his private notes says he removed to Leicester, Mass., and later to Winchester, N. H., and that he was a ship carpenter. He served in the Revolution from Leicester; was a "Minute Man" April 19, 1775, and saw other service. (Mass. S. and S. in Rev.)

In 1759, after the death of his father, he sold his father's house, 75 acres of land, a quarter interest in a saw mill on Burnt Plain, pew in the meeting house next to the pew of Elijah Cushing, Esq., to Israel Hatch (Plymouth Deeds) and removed. This was the farm deeded by the Cornet in 1690 to his son, Capt. Benjamin, Job's great-grandfather. It was owned by five successive generations during 70 years. The large house on Main Street was built by Benjamin 3rd and is still in excellent condition.

Job and Hannah were married in 1762 and the only date of birth is that of Benjamin, which was in 1781. Where were Job and Hannah between these dates and were they raising a family of which we have no record? In 1775 he was a "Minute Man" from Leicester, but this only is found in the Leicester records.

CHILDREN OF JOB AND HANNAH (MUNROE) STETSON:

i BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 16, 1781, at Winchester, N. H.

ii HANNAH. Mr. Barry, in his notes after his book was published, said: "Job had a daughter Hannah before he removed." We find the marriage of Hannah Stutson and John Foster, Mar. 9, 1789, on the Winchester, N. H., records, which would be evidence that Mr. Barry had accurate information.

1-2-1-6-1

ENOCH WHITON (*Leah (Stetson) Whiton, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of ENOCH and LEAH (STETSON) WHITON, b. at Hingham Aug. 29, 1733, d. June 21, 1778, at Hingham; m. JOANNA WHITON, dau. of SAMUEL and MARY (WING) WHITON, on Oct. 30, 1775, who was b. July 26, 1734, at Hingham. He resided at Hingham.

CHILDREN OF ENOCH AND JOANNA (WHITON) WHITON:
(All born in Hingham.)

i JOANNA, b. Oct. 6, 1757.
ii CHLOE, b. 1759.
iii BETHIA, b. 1761.
iv ENOCH, b. Dec. 27, 1763.
v LEAH, b. Mar. 8, 1765; m. Jonathan Abbott of Newark, N. J.
vi LURANA, b. Mar. 4, 1767; m. Nov. 11, 1805, Daniel Parks of Lincoln.
vii POLLY, b. Mar. 5, 1769; m. Lewis Squire of Newark, N. J.
viii PHOEBE, b. Apr. 12, 1771; m. Jan. 11, 1798, Daniel Whiting, Jr., of North Brookfield.

1-2-1-6-3

ELIJAH WHITON (*Leah (Stetson) Whiton, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of ENOCH and LEAH (STETSON) WHITON, b. June 8, 1737, at Hingham; d. June 15, 1797, at Hingham; m. MARY WILDER, dau. of THEOPHILUS and MARY (HERSEY) WILDER, on July 13, 1764. She was b. July 4, 1742, at Hingham. He resided at Hingham and was a farmer and a Revolutionary soldier.

CHILDREN OF ELIJAH AND MARY (WILDER) WHITON:

i MARY, b. Oct. 7, 1764; m. May 7, 1786, Enoch Dunbar.
ii PERSIS, b. Sept. 21, 1766; m. June 1, 1794, Jacob Sprague.
iii ELIJAH.
iv ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 7, 1769.
v TAMSEN, b. Oct. 2, 1771; m. Dec. 7, 1794, Charles Simmons of Scituate.
vi CHARLOTTE, b. Feb. 24, 1774; m. Nov. 26, 1803, Nathaniel Bump of Quincy.

vii MERIEL, b. July 3, 1776; m. Nov. 23, 1800, George B. Lapham of Medford.
viii ISAIAH, b. Nov. 7, 1778; d. Sept. 5, 1820, not married.
ix BLOSSOM, b. Apr. 30, 1781; lived in Charlestown.
x WALTER, b. Nov. 28, 1783; killed in the Battle of Bridgewater in 1812. He was a major in the U. S. Army.

1-2-1-6-5

GRACE WHITON (*Leah (Stetson) Whiton, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of ENOCH and LEAH (STETSON) WHITON, b. March 22, 1741, at Hingham, d. in 1821 at Westford. (V. R.) She m. STEPHEN STODDER for his second wife in December, 1774. He was the son of CANTERBURY and DEBORAH (BATES) STODDER and was b. Feb. 9, 1736/7, at Hingham, and d. at Westford in 1797. He was a Revolutionary soldier. She resided at Hingham.

CHILDREN OF STEPHEN AND GRACE (WHITON) STODDER:
(All born in Hingham.)

i CHARLES, b. Dec. 29, 1775.
ii GRACE, b. May 27, 1777; m. Samuel Stone of Westford.
iii POLLY (MARY), b. Feb. 7, 1779; m. Aug. 5, 1799, Joseph Swasey of Edgartown, at Westford. (V. R.)

1-2-1-6-6

ELIAS WHITON (*Leah (Stetson) Whiton, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of ENOCH and LEAH (STETSON) WHITON, b. June 10, 1743, at Hingham, d. in 1778 at Dorchester. He m. SARAH BLOSSOM, dau. of ZACCHEUS and SARAH (HERSEY) BLOSSOM, on June 22, 1769. She was b. in June, 1749, and d. May 16, 1817. He resided at Hingham and was a farmer, constable, selectman, and captain of militia.

CHILDREN OF ELIAS AND SARAH (BLOSSOM) WHITON:
(All born in Hingham.)

i ELIAS, b. Dec. 18, 1769; m. Mehitable, daughter of Daniel Whiton, and had children; d. July 1, 1804.
ii SARAH, b. Oct. 18, 1771.
iii PRISCILLA, b. Dec. 21, 1773.
iv PATTY, b. Sept. 17, 1775; d. Sept. 20, 1775.
v PATTY, b. Oct. 10, 1776.
vi MARGARET, b. Oct. 1778; m. Feb. 10, 1799, Dimick Bowker of Scituate.

1-2-1-7-1

ADAM STETSON (*Abijah, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of ABIJAH and DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON, b. March 12, 1729, at Scituate, d. in 1778 at Valley Forge. (Mass. S. and S. in Rev.) He m. BETSEY CURTIS, dau. of JOHN and MARY (BRYANT) CURTIS, who was b. Aug. 26, 1739, at Hanover. He resided at Hanover.

"Private in Capt. Amos Turner's Company of Minute Men, Col. John Bailey's Regt. which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Hanover." Was afterwards sergeant in the same company; was long in service and died at Valley Forge in 1778. (Mass. S. and S. in the Revolution.)

Mr. Barry obtained from various sources imperfect information of Adam and six of his children, but could not find record of their births and was not sure the names were correct. It seems probable that Adam went early to Maine or elsewhere and later returned to Hanover with his family. After his death and the death of his son Joshua in the war, the family scattered.

CHILDREN OF ADAM AND BETSEY (CURTIS) STETSON:

i JOSHUA, b. 1760. (Rev. Rec.) Mr. Barry says he was killed in battle. *The Historical Register* (Hettman) says "Lieutenant Joshua Studson was killed in New Jersey Dec. 1780 while boarding an enemies ship," and says he was "of N. J. Melitia." *The Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* says: "Enlisted Mar. 18, 1777, age 17, killed at Valley Forge."

ii ADAM. "Moved to North Yarmouth, Me., and then to parts unknown." (Barry)

iii ABIJAH, (?). (Barry)

iv BETSEY. "Went to Vermont." (Barry); m. Thomas Palmer of Halifax, int. Mar. 11, 1782. (V. R.)

v SUSAN. "She and Betsey married brothers I have been told." (Barry)

vi MELZAR, b. 1765; d. 1795. (Scituate Rec.) Served in the Revolutionary War in 1783, aged 17, and also in 1784. (Mass. Rec.)

1-2-1-7-2

JOHN STETSON (*Abijah, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of ABIJAH and DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON, b. April 17, 1731, at Scituate, d. April 15, 1811, aged 80 years. He m. THANKFUL CURTIS of Hanover, dau. of JOSEPH and MARY (PALMER) CURTIS, on Dec. 3, 1761. She was b. April 2, 1742, and d. Feb. 5, 1805, aged 63 yrs.

"Of Hanover, Private, Capt. Amos Turner's Co. of Minute Men, Col. John Bailey's Regt. which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775." Credited with long service afterwards. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of John and Thankful (Curtis) Stetson:

i Zilpah, b. 1762 (?); m. Samuel Stetson (1-2-4-1-3) of Pembroke for his 1st wife in 1777.
ii Abigail, b. 1765.
iii Thankful, b. 1768; d. July 20, 1826, unmarried. She kept a millinery store at 5 Marshall St., Boston, in company with Susan Waters who were listed as Waters & Co. in the Boston directory of 1825.
iv Joshua, b. Aug. 23, 1777.
v Lebbeus, b. Apr. 27, 1783.
vi John, d. at the age of 14 yrs.
vii A daughter who d. young.

1-2-1-7-5

Capt. Prince Stetson (*Abijah, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of Abijah and Deborah (Turner) Stetson, b. Aug. 1741 at Hanover; m. (1) Eunice Sylvester of Hanover on Feb. 6, 1768. (Hanover Rec.) He m. (2) Wid. Jane (Grant) Carver.

Capt. Prince lived in Hanover and removed from there to Freeport, Me., after the Revolutionary War.

"Sgt. in Capt. Amos Turner's Minute Men, Col. John Bailey's Regt. which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775." He was afterward lieutenant and first lieutenant of this company, later on the Committee of Safety, and "Captain of Hanover Company of Mattross stationed at Hanover." (Mass. S. and S. in Rev. War.)

Children of Prince and Eunice (Sylvester) Stetson:

i Sophia, m. Daniel Perkins of Salem, Apr. 25, 1813. (Salem Rec.)
ii Joan, m. Moses Leavitt of Boston. No children.
iii Eunice Turner, m. Thomas Willet of Abington, May 3, 1795. He was the son of Thomas and Anna Willet and was b. Jan. 7, 1770.
iv Temperance, m. Jacob Stetson (1-2-1-1-2-5).
v Nathaniel, b. 1772 (?).
vi Penthy, m. ——— Patch of Boston.
vii Prince, b. Feb. 28, 1784. (Lynn Rec.)
viii Charles, b. 1786 (?).

ix-a JOSEPH (twin), m. Grace Andrews of North Yarmouth, Me.
ix-b HERVEY (twin), m. Hannah Kilby; lived in Brunswick, Me. He had no children. His widow married for her second husband a man by the name of Mason from Salem.

CHILDREN OF PRINCE AND JANE (GRANT) STETSON:

x SAGE.
xi THOMAS J., m. Sarah Merrill.
xii FREEMAN, d. aged 13 years.

Note: The above Sarah (Merrill) Stetson, then living in Freeport, Me., gave Mr. Barry the information concerning the second wife and her three children after he had printed his book. (Barry Marginal Notes)

1-2-1-7-6

MARGARET STETSON (*Abijah, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ABIJAH and DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON, b. April 7, 1745; m. JOB SYLVESTER, son of AMOS and PATIENCE (PALMER) SYLVESTER, on July 18, 1765.

CHILDREN OF JOB AND MARGARET (STETSON) SYLVESTER:
(All born in Hanover.)

i JOB, b. Nov. 9, 1767.
ii ROLAND, b. about 1776.
iii JOSEPH, b. 1790.
iv ZILPHA, b. Feb. 14, 1788.
v CYNTHIA, b. April 1769.
vi AMOS, b. 1772.
vii ABIGAIL, b. about 1780.
viii DEBORAH, b. 1786.

These children all moved to Maine and had large families.

1-2-1-7-7

ELIJAH STETSON (*Abijah, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of ABIJAH and DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON, b. in March, 1747, at Scituate (Hanover Rec.), and d. about 1837. He m. (1) LUSANNA CURTIS, dau. of SIMEON and ASENATH ( ) CURTIS, of Hanover, on April 9, 1772. She was b. Nov. 5, 1753. He m. (2) DOROTHY MERRILL of Durham, Me. He resided at Durham, Me.

He was in Col. Cushing's Regt. (Mass. S. and S. in Rev. War) "Staton." On "List of Revolutionary pensioners, Cumberland Co., Me., 1818." "North Co. of Hanover which marched on 20th of April, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775.

He bought land Aug. 8, 1786, of Christopher Gerrish (lot 31), Durham, Me.; built his cabin near the "Reed Brook." His first framed house was standing in 1899. (Hist. of Durham, Me., 1899.)

CHILDREN OF ELIJAH AND LUSANNA (CURTIS) STETSON:

i CHARLES.
ii ASENATH, m. Barnabas Strout of Durham, Me.

1-2-1-7-8

ZILPHA STETSON (*Abijah, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ABIJAH and DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON, b. in March, 1750, at Hanover, d. Sept. 21, 1776; m. JAMES CURTIS, son of CAPT. SIMEON and ( ) CURTIS, on Oct. 17, 1771, who was representative to the Massachusetts Legislature from Maine. She resided at Freeport, Me.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ZILPHA (STETSON) CURTIS:

i JAMES.
ii SIMEON.
and others.

1-2-3-2-2

BENJAMIN STETSON (*James, James, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of JAMES and Wid. MARGARET (HAUGH) STETSON, b. April 12, 1737, at Hingham; bap. April 19, 1737; m. ZEBIAH ELLMES, dau. of ROBERT and ANN (STEPHENS) ELLMES, on Feb. 5, 1756, at Scituate. She was b. June 17, 1735, at Scituate. He resided at Cohasset.

This Benjamin was a carpenter. We find on the Town Treasurer's accounts for the year 1772 this item: "To Benjamin Stutson for whipping-post and stocks."

He had several terms of service from Cohasset in the Revolution as evidenced by the Massachusetts records.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND ZEBIAH (ELLMES) STETSON:
(All born in Cohasset.)

i LYDIA, b. Dec. 29, 1756.
ii ANNA (NANNE), b. April 28, 1759.
iii SUSANNA, b. Nov. 9, 1760; published to Elias Ellery of Boston, 1785. His mother was Elizabeth Gill, sister to Gov. Gill. (*Charlestown Gen. and Estates.*)
iv JAMES, b. June 26, 1763.

v ZIBIAH, b. May 14, 1765; m. Bennett Dunbar, Nov. 7, 1787, at Scituate.
vi LEAH, b. Feb. 22, 1769; m. Elisha P. Warfield, Dec. 24, 1795; d. Sept. 11, 1804, in Boston, leaving a daughter, Sarah M. (Boston Rec.)
vii BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 7, 1772.

1-2-4-1-1

TURNER STETSON (*Samuel, Drummer Samuel, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and ALICE (ROGERS) STETSON, b. Sept. 8, 1767, at Hanover, d. Feb. 25, 1844, at Hanover; m. LYDIA ROSE of Hanover (1-1-5-2-6-2), dau. of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (SOPER) ROSE, on Feb. 1, 1795, who d. Jan. 22, 1819, aged 50 years. He resided at Hanover.

A very enterprising man. He was Selectman for 27 years and for 14 years was Moderator at the annual Town Meeting in Hanover. He served his town in the Legislature for two terms.

CHILDREN OF TURNER AND LYDIA (ROSE) STETSON:

i TURNER, b. June 22, 1795, at Hanover.
ii RUTH, b. Sept. 24, 1797; lived in the old home and did not marry.
iii LYDIA R., b. April 10, 1799; d. April 22, 1799.
iv LYDIA R., b. May 18, 1800.
v ARISTIDES, b. April 11, 1802; d. Oct. 16, 1839 "at the west," unmarried.
vi SAMUEL, b. Dec. 14, 1805; d. Jan. 13, 1806.
vii ALICE, b. Feb. 11, 1808. She was living, unmarried, with her sister Ruth, says Mr. Barry in 1847. She d. unmarried April 7, 1880.
viii ELIZA (Barry) ELIZABETH E. (Hanover V. R.), b. Oct. 1, 1811.

1-2-4-1-3

SAMUEL STETSON (*Samuel, Drummer Samuel, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and ALICE (ROGERS) STETSON, b. in May, 1772, at Hanover, d. Aug. 16, 1859, at Hanover. He m. (1) ZILPAH STETSON (1-2-1-7-2-1), dau. of JOHN and THANKFUL (CURTIS) STETSON, on Jan. 29, 1798. She d. Jan. 5, 1807. He m. (2) ABIGAIL S. MONROE (1-2-1-7-2-2-1), dau. of SHUBAEL and ABIGAIL (STETSON) MONROE, in 1808. She d. Sept. 13, 1874. He resided in the house built by his grandfather, "Drummer Samuel" Stetson, in Hanover in 1715. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ZILPAH (STETSON) STETSON:
(All born in the "Drummer Stetson House" in Hanover.)

i ZILPAH, b. Dec. 29, 1799; d. Nov. 29, 1800.
ii ALBERT, b. Aug. 8, 1802.
iii FANNY, b. July 22, 1805.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ABIGAIL (MONROE) STETSON:

iv ZILPAH, b. Jan. 1, 1809; m. Zenas Rogers, Feb. 20, 1832. No children.
v RUBEN, b. Oct. 31, 1810.
vi CHARLES, b. July 14, 1812; lived one day.
vii ABIGAIL, b. July 26, 1813.
viii JOHN, b. Jan. 15, 1815.
ix MARY, b. Sept. 17, 1816; m. Alexander Henry, Nov. 23, 1859; d. Mar. 1907, aged 90 years. Her husband d. Sept. 6, 1890. They had no children.
x SAMUEL, b. June 1, 1818; sailed from London on a whaler, 1837, and never returned.
xi MALATIAH C., b. April 12, 1820; d. Feb. 16, 1825.
xii REBECCA MELLEN, b. Jan. 18, 1822.
xiii JOSIAH, b. Nov. 30, 1823; d. Dec. 27, 1823. (Weymouth V. R.)
xiv JEREMIAH, b. May 10, 1826.
xv HENRY MARTIN, b. Aug. 16, 1827; d. June 14, 1831.
xvi TURNER, b. April 27, 1829.
xvii HENRY MARTIN, b. Dec. 29, 1832.
xviii LYDIA A., d. at the age of 3 mos.
xix MELATIAH C., b. Feb. 25, 1825.

1-2-4-1-4

REBECCA STETSON (*Samuel, Drummer Samuel, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ALICE (ROGERS) STETSON, b. Sept. 10, 1776, d. July 12, 1850; m. TIMOTHY CHURCH on Nov. 27, 1796, who d. March 12, 1828.

CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY AND REBECCA (STETSON) CHURCH:
(All born in Hanover.)

i WILLIAM, Dec. 19, 1799.
ii SAMUEL STETSON, bap. July 4, 1802.
iii MARTIN, bap. 1805; m. Caroline, daughter of Edward Stetson (1-2-1-1-5-1).
iv TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 20, 1797; drowned at North River, May 2, 1815.
v ELIZABETH R., bap. Sept. 18, 1808; d. unmarried July 28, 1892.

vi Lucy, d. July 4, 1812.
vii Harvey, d. May 14, 1818.
viii An infant that d. Jan. 22, 1820.

1-2-4-1-5

Lydia Stetson (*Samuel, Drummer Samuel, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Samuel and Alice (Rogers) Stetson, b. in 1778, d. July 15, 1819; m. Ezekiel Turner (1-6-2-7-6-3), son of Col. Amos and Betsey (Perry) Turner, on Feb. 28, 1799. She resided at Hanover.

Children of Ezekiel and Lydia (Stetson) Turner:
(All born in Hanover.)

i Harriet, b. 1800.
ii William, bap. Oct. 18, 1801.
iii Ezekiel, bap. May 13, 1804.
iv Lucy, bap. Oct. 2, 1808.
v Samuel Stetson, b. 1810.
vi John.
vii Ruth.
viii Sarah K., b. Jan. 10, 1821.
ix Priscilla J., b. May 12, 1823.
x Bathsheba.
xi Mary.
xii Catherine P., b. Nov. 28th, 1825.

1-2-8-2-1

Onesiphorus Fisher (*Samuel Fisher, Deborah (Stetson) Fisher, Benjamin Stetson, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of Samuel and Hannah (Blanchard) Fisher, b. 1752 at North Yarmouth, Me., d. March 11, 1829, aged 76 yrs. (G. S.); buried in Cumberland Centre, Me. He m. Ruth Prince of North Yarmouth. "He was I think town clerk of North Yarmouth." (Fisher Gen.)

Children of Onesiphorus and Ruth (Prince) Fisher:

i Samuel, m. Mary Reed of North Yarmouth, Me.
ii Ruth, b. in 1784; d. May 8, 1814, aged 30 yrs., unmarried.
iii Onesiphorus, b. in 1788; d. in 1799, aged 11 yrs.
iv Rachel, d. "at Henry Stones at Falmouth, Me. some twelve or fifteen years ago, and must have been 80 years of age or more." Buried in Cumberland Centre. (Fisher Gen. 1918)
v Huldah.

1-3-3-1-1

Caleb Stetson (*Caleb, Gershom, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Caleb and Deborah (Morton) Stetson, bap. Nov., 1734. (Plymouth Ch. Rec.) He m. Abigail Bradford, dau. of Samuel and Sarah ( ) Bradford (Plympton Rec.), who was b. June 12, 1728, and d. Jan. 31, 1776, at Plympton.

Samuel Bradford was the son of John Bradford and Mercy Warren, the grandson of William and Alice (Richards) Bradford and the great-grandson of William Bradford of the Mayflower.

There are many terms of service credited to Caleb Stetson of Plympton on Massachusetts records. Perhaps some of these should be credited to this Caleb. (See account of his son, Caleb.)

Children of Caleb and Abigail (Bradford) Stetson:

i Phoebe (Plymouth Deeds), m. ——— Norton and had a son Freeman and a daughter Phoebe.
ii Mary (Plymouth Deeds), m. Isaac Lobdell, Dec. 21, 1776. (Plympton Rec.)
iii Caleb, b. Aug. 12, 1754. (Plympton Rec.)
iv Bradford, b. May 20, 1757 (Plymouth Rec.); d. Sept. 5, 1758, and was buried on Burial Hill, Plymouth, beside Major William Bradford's grave and close to Gov. Bradford's monument. The inscription can still be easily read. He was a great-grandson of Major William Bradford, the son of Gov. Bradford.

1-3-3-1-2

John Stetson (*Caleb, Gershom, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Caleb and Deborah (Morton) Stetson, b. 1738, d. April, 1797, at Sandgate, Vt.; m. Bathsheba Dunbar of Scituate on Sept. 10, 1761, who d. Aug., 1797, at Sandgate, Vt. He moved to Chesterfield in 1779 and to Sandgate, Vt., in 1783. He was a "Minute Man" in Capt. Stockbridge's Scituate company and marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of John and Bathsheba (Dunbar) Stetson:
(Taken from Barry's record.)

i Deborah, b. May 20, 1762, at Scituate; m. James Bradley of Goshen; d. at Sandgate, Vt., May, 1801.
ii John, b. July 11, 1763, at Scituate; d. Mar. 17, 1767, at Scituate.
ii-a Barsheba, b. Dec. 20, 1764, at Scituate.

iii Margaret, b. Aug. 9, 1766, at Scituate; m. William Davis of Chesterfield, May 16, 1786.
iv Thomas, b. March 17, 1768, in Scituate.
v Caleb, b. Sept. 22, 1769.
vi Sarah, b. April 12, 1772; m. Phineas Cole and went to Whitestown, N. Y.
vii John, b April 23, 1774, at Scituate; d. in Chesterfield in 1780.
viii Hannah, b. March 4, 1776, in Scituate; m. Reuben Booth at Bethany, N. Y.
ix Lucanna, b. June 4, 1779, at Scituate; m. ——— Rice of Ballston, N. Y.; d. in 1827.
x Rachael, b. Jan. 8, 1782; m. ——— Sweet of Middlebury, N. Y.; d. in 1826.

1-3-6-3-1

Barzillai Stetson (*Barzillai, Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Barzillai and Ruth (Kempton) Stetson, b. 1742 at Plymouth (Davis Landmarks of Plymouth), d. Dec. 1, 1782, at Boston. (Plymouth Ch. Rec.) He m. Experience Crowell of Chatham. "Barzillai Stutson of Dartmouth and Experience Crowell of Dartmouth," on Nov. 3, 1765. (Rochester Rec.) (Int. Dartmouth, Oct. 19, 1765.) She d. Oct. 6, 1798, at South Bridgewater, aged 55. (Bridgewater Rec.)

Mr. Barry says "Barzillai lost his life in Salem Harbor in 1779," but Plymouth Church records say, "Barzillai Stetson drowned at Boston Dec. 1, 1782." He was a "Minute Man" in 1775 and afterwards served several years in the Revolutionary War from Plymouth. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Barzillai and Experience (Crowell) Stetson:

i Barzillai, b. April 22, 1774. (Nantucket Rec.)
ii Ruth, m. Prince Washburn of Plymouth, Nov. 9, 1786.
iii Lucy, m. (1) Isaac Barnes of Plymouth; m. (2) Joel Perkins. Mr. Barry says she lived in Ohio.
iv Sarah, d. aged 3 yrs. "Barzillai Stetson's child died Nov. 16, 1781." (Plymouth Ch. Rec.)
v James, d. aged 20, not married.
vi John Crowell.
vii Experience, m. Capt. William Davy, June 4, 1793. (Plymouth Rec.) Mr. Barry, in his private notes, says she had 10 children.

1-3-6-3-2

JEDEDIAH STETSON (*Barzillai, Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of BARZILLAI and RUTH (KEMPTON) STETSON, b. 1745 at Plymouth (Plymouth Rec.), d. before 1811 at Chatham. (Barnstable Probates, vol. 3, p. 45.) He m. BATHSHEBA ( ).

CHILDREN OF JEDEDIAH AND BATHSHEBA ( ) STETSON:

i CROWELL. (Family record of Etta Stetson Small and Harold Stetson Simmons—descendants.)
ii JOHN.
iii JEDEDIAH.
iv SALLY, m. (int.) Josiah Gould, Dec. 14, 1799.

1-3-6-7-1

CALEB STETSON (*Jedediah, Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of JEDEDIAH and ( ), b. 1754, d. Nov. 15, 1815, aged 61st yr. (Pawtucket, R. I., Cem. Rec.) He m. (1) ABIGAIL WALKER, dau. of JOHN and ( ) WALKER, on March 12, 1778, at Swansey. (Rev. John Gorton's records.) "Caleb Stetson, of Jedediah and Abigail Walker of John, both of Warwick, R. I., Mar. 12, 1778." He m. (2) MARY CAPRON, dau. of JONATHAN and MARGARET ( ) CAPRON, on Dec. 27, 1792, at Greenwich, R. I. Married by H. Cooke, Justice. (E. Greenwich Rec.) She was b. Jan. 18, 1767 (E. Greenwich Rec.), and d. Aug. 1, 1848, in her 81st year (Pawtucket Cem. Rec.), and was buried in Pawtucket.

CHILD OF CALEB AND ABIGAIL (WALKER) STETSON:

i DANIEL, b. Dec. 22, 1785. (Bristol, R. I., Rec.) (Miss Sarah C. Stetson, daughter of William Nightengale Stetson, knew that her father had a half brother Daniel who had a son Daniel, but nothing of their history.)

CHILDREN OF CALEB AND MARY (CAPRON) STETSON:

ii SUSAN, b. May 16, 1794; m. William Capron, 1817. (East Greenwich, R. I., V. R.)
iii ELIZA, b. May 2, 1796.
iv HANNAH, b. April 16, 1799.
v JEREMIAH, b. May 30, 1801.
vi SILAS, b. July 23, 1803; d. Dec. 7, 1833, in 29th year of his age. (Pawtucket Cem. Rec.)
vii PHEBE, b. Aug. 10, 1805; d. in Pawtucket, Dec. 9, 1855, single. (Mass. Rec. Pawtucket Rec.)

vii-a CALEB, b. July 23, 1807; d. Aug. 26, in Illinois, in 30th year. (Pawtucket Cem. Rec.)
viii HENRY, b. Oct. 17, 1809.
ix WILLIAM NIGHTENGALE, b. July 7, 1812.

1-3-7-5-1

THEOPHILUS STETSON (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELISHA and SARAH (ADAMS) STETSON, b. July 10, 1742. (Kingston Rec.) (Fam. Rec. says Jan. 21.) He m. ABIGAIL PRINCE of Kingston, dau. of THOMAS and LYDIA (DELANO) PRINCE, on Nov. 24, 1768. She was b. Nov. 1, 1747. He resided at Kingston and was a mariner. Boston Directories for the years 1798 and 1809 list him as keeper of a boarding house at 27 Union Street, Boston.

CHILDREN OF THEOPHILUS AND ABIGAIL (PRINCE) STETSON:
(All births are on Kingston records.)

i POLLY, b. July 4, 1769; m. (1) Emanuel Weiner, Dec. 26, 1803 (Boston Rec.); m. (2) ——— Pierce.
ii GEORGE, b. Oct. 31, 1770; m. wid. Black; d. in Alexandria, Va. He was a sea captain, and left no children. (Barry)
iii JAMES PRINCE, b. Nov. 4, 1772; d. Jan. 26, 1857.
iv LYDIA P., b. Dec. 28, (Fam. Rec. 18th) 1744; d. at Charlestown, June 5, 1819; m. Capt. James Martin Pollard, an Englishman, Feb. 9, 1800; He was lost at sea, Oct. 1820. Child: Lydia Prince, b. at Charleston, S. C.
v LEWIS, b. Nov. 4, 1776; d. May 8, 1855.
vi THOMAS PRINCE, b. Sept. 14, 1779.
vii BETSEY, b. Aug. 24, 1781. (Fam. Rec. Aug. 23, 1784); m. (1) Capt. Lemuel Ingley, Sept. 29, 1799 (Boston Rec.); m. (2) Capt. Prior of Duxbury, Jan. 6, 1805, and has descendants in Duxbury.
viii LUCY, b. June 26, 1784; m. Capt. Seth Harding of Bath, Me. She lived in Berwick, Me., and was a widow in 1847.
ix ABIGAIL (NABBY), b. April 2, 1788; m. (1) Capt. Oakman Sprague of Topsham, Oct. 27, 1811; He d. in San Domingo, and she m. (2) Josiah Seaver of Rochester, Mass., at Rochester.
x MAHALA, b. June 27, 1790; d. Aug. 25, 1790.
xi JOHN, b. Mar. 20, 1792; m. Deniroth, daughter of a Polish nobleman, and died in the West Indies. (Barry)

1-3-7-5-2

ABIGAIL STETSON (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and SARAH (ADAMS) STETSON, b. July 1, 1744, at Kingston,

d. Oct. 11, 1831. She m. JOHN SAMPSON (for his 2nd wife), son of JOHN and PRISCILLA (BARTLETT) SAMPSON, on Dec. 4, 1760.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ABIGAIL (STETSON) SAMPSON:

i SYLVANUS.
ii LUCY.
iii CELIA.
iv JOHN.
v MARY.
vi DOROTHY.
vii ANDREW.
viii CLARISSA.
ix LEWIS.
x REBECCA.

1-3-7-5-4

SAMUEL STETSON (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELISHA and SARAH (ADAMS) STETSON, b. Nov. 19, 1749, at Kingston, d. May 12, 1828, at Kingston. He m. HULDAH BREWSTER, dau. of WRESTLING and DEBORAH ( ) BREWSTER, on Jan. 25, 1776, at Kingston. She was b. Nov. 13, 1756, and d. Dec. 25, 1833, aged 77 yrs. He resided at Kingston.

Samuel was a cordwainer. Mr. Barry copied the following from his obituary, published in the *Old Colony Memorial* at Plymouth, June 14, 1828: "He lived happily in the married state for 52 years and by industry and diligence filled up his time with usefulness to the community and support of a numerous family. His correct example as a Christian in various relations of life was crowned with consolation and peace in the prospect of approaching dissolution. He came to the grave as a shock of corn in its season fully ripe leaving behind him a worthy character. His children rise up and call him blessed and all who knew him have occasion to say—May we live the life of the righteous that we may die his death and that our last end may be like his."

He served in Capt. William Weston's company stationed at "the Gurnett" for defense of Plymouth in the Revolutionary War. (Mass. Rec.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND HULDAH (BREWSTER) STETSON:

i SETH, b. July 17, 1776.
ii HARVEY, b. Feb. 19, 1778.
iii MARTIN, b. April 21, 1779.
iv LEONICE, b. Oct. 17, 1781; d. June 8, 1782.

v Rebecca Soule, b. Mar. 19, 1783; m. at Kingston, Jan. 1, 1809, Dea. Nathaniel Cushman, son of James and Mercy (Morton) Cushman. She d. at Kingston, April 23, 1862. (Brewster Gen.)
vi Wiswell Seabury, b. Nov. 3, 1785.
vii Judith, b. Feb. 16, 1788; d. Nov. 1846; m. May 17, 1810, David Smith of Waltham and had 6 children.
viii Huldah, b. Feb. 17, 1790; m. Avery Richards, Nov. 29, 1810; d. Dec. 20, 1882.
ix Andrew, b. April 21, 1792.
x Julia, b. March 3, 1794; m. (1) Charles Foster of Kingston, June 2, 1816. He d. in 1827 and she m. (2) David Smith of Waltham in 1847. She d. Nov. 12, 1872, at South Boston.
xi Christina, b. Feb. 21, 1796; m. George Brewster, Nov. 24, 1814; d. in Kingston, Nov. 9, 1888.
xii Samuel, b. April 25, 1798.
xiii Elizabeth, b. June 4, 1800; m. Rev. Nathaniel Cobb, Jan. 31, 1856.
xiv Joseph, b. Aug. 21, 1802.

1-3-7-5-5

Capt. Thomas Stetson (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Elisha and Sarah (Adams) Stetson, b. Mar. 9, 1752, at Kingston; d. Nov. 28, 1820, at Harvard, Mass., killed by fall from a tree. (Harvard Rec.) He m. Elizabeth Cook of Kingston, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Gray) Cook, on Sept. 3, 1778. She was b. Aug. 19, 1755 (Kingston Rec.), and d. Oct. 20, 1836, at Harvard, aged 81 years. He resided at Harvard.

Mr. Barry says: "He was a ship master for about 30 years and at the age of 50 settled down as a farmer in Harvard. His wife was a descendant of Edward Gray who was brought over in the Mayflower at the age of 17 by Governor Winslow, his guardian. Edward Gray married the daughter of John Winslow, brother of the Governor, and became a rich merchant. His family still resides at his place on the road from Kingston to Plymouth."

In the Revolutionary War Capt. Thomas was commissioned Commander of the sloop Union (privateer) May 1, 1780. (Mass. Rec.)

Children of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth (Cook) Stetson:
(All born in Kingston.)
i Sarah A., b. April 26, 1779; d. in Kingston in 1849, aged 70 yrs. (Harvard Rec.), not married.

ii HENRY, b. July 2, 1780.
iii PRISCILLA COOK, b. Jan. 6, 1782; m. Moses Simonds, Feb. 13, 1808; lived in Ohio.
iv ELLEN, b. March 30, 1783; not married. She "was a missionary among the Cherokees for 25 years." (Barry)
v MARY GRAY, b. Jan. 16, 1785; m. Jonathan Wetherbee, Jr., Nov. 2, 1806, and lived in Dexter, Me.
vi BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 26, 1786. He was mate of a ship and was lost at sea.
vii NANCY, b. Feb. 4, 1789; m. Bradford Harlow, Esq., late mayor of Bangor, Me., May 24, 1810.
viii MARIA, b. May 7, 1791; m. Noah Sparhawk of Bucksport, Me., Aug. 27, 1817.
ix CALEB, b. July 12, 1793.
x JANE, b. Oct. 6, 1795; d. Jan. 17, 1818. (Harvard Rec.)
xi CHARLES, b. 1800. (Not on Kingston Records.)

1-3-7-5-6

HANNAH STETSON (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and SARAH (ADAMS) STETSON, b. Sept. 12, 1754, at Kingston. She m. LIEUT. EZEKIEL LORING of Plympton, son of THOMAS and SARAH (LOBDELL) LORING, on July 1, 1773. He was b. July 27, 1742, at Plympton, and d. March 6, 1825. She resided at Plympton. (Loring Gen.)

CHILDREN OF EZEKIEL AND HANNAH (STETSON) LORING:

i THOMAS, b. May 11, 1774; d. Aug. 1822; m. Rebecca Richardson, April 22, 1804; lived in Turner, Me. Had no children.
ii JOHN, b. Nov. 19, 1776; d. March 11, 1862; m. Abigail Thomas of Plymouth, 1812. Had no children.
iii SARAH, b. Aug. 10, 1778; m. Dr. John Cook of Kingston.
iv FRIEND, b. Sept. 19, 1780.
v LYDIA, b. May 17, 1782; m. Josiah Wright of Plympton, Sept. 2, 1802.
vi SETH, b. Nov. 8, 1783; d. Nov. 14, 1805; did not marry.
vii LEWIS, b. Feb. 17, 1785; d. Mar. 15, 1806; did not marry.
viii EZEKIEL, b. Nov. 23, 1786.
ix CHARLES, b. Mar. 18, 1788 d. Jan. 20, 1852. Resided in Homer, N. Y.
x SOPHIA, b. Oct. 8, 1789; d. Aug. 29, 1872.
xi CINTHA, b. April 27, 1792; d. 1806.
xii LEONICE, b. Feb. 4, 1794.
xiii ISAAC, b. Oct. 20, 1795; d. March 19, 1860; did not marry.

1-3-7-5-7

Betsey (Betty) Stetson (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Elisha and Sarah (Adams) Stetson, b. Jan. 31, 1757 (Kingston V. R.), d. Aug. 9, 1808, at Kingston. She m. Abijah Drew, son of Cornelius and Sarah (Bartlett) Drew, on May 19, 1777, at Kingston. He was b. Dec. 1748 at Kingston, and d. Sept. 1818. She resided at Kingston. (Brewster Gen.)

Children of Abijah and Betsey (Stetson) Drew:
(Recorded in Kingston V. R.)

i Deborah, b. Aug. 26, 1777; d. at Kingston, Dec. 26, 1802.
ii Nancy, b. Oct. 18, 1779; m. Cornelius Drew.
iii Harriet, b. Nov. 8, 1781; d. at Kingston, July 25, 1862; m. Lysander, son of Joseph and Laurana (Drew) Bartlett, Dec. 9, 1804.
iv Nathaniel, b. May 25, 1784.
v Lazarus, b. Jan. 6, 1787.
vi John, b. May 30, 1799.
vii Lucretia, b. Oct. 1, 1791; d. at Philadelphia, Pa.; m. Spencer Chandler, Feb. 14, 1813.
viii James Harvey, b. Aug. 24, 1796; m. Augusta Allen of Plymouth.
ix Abijah, b. Feb. 6, 1803 (?).
x Betsey, b. May 24, 1794.

1-3-7-5-8

Lydia Stetson (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Elisha and Sarah (Adams) Stetson, b. Jan. 15, 1759 (Kingston V. R.), d. before 1787. She m. Amos Cooke, son of Caleb and Sarah (Adams) Cooke, on Oct. 24, 1780.

Children of Amos and Sarah (Stetson) Cooke:
(From Kingston V. R.)

i Sarah, b. Nov. 24, 1781.
ii Caleb, b. April 2, 1783.

1-3-7-5-9

Sarah Stetson (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Elisha and Sarah (Adams) Stetson, b. Nov. 24, 1761 (Kingston V. R.), d. March 13, 1855. She m. Cornelius Drew, son of Cornelius and Sarah (Bartlett) Drew, on Nov. 12, 1781. He was b. in 1752 at Kingston and d. Nov. 24, 1814, at Kingston. She resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF CORNELIUS AND SARAH (STETSON) DREW:
(All born in Kingston.)

i EDWARD, b. Jan. 20, 1783.
ii LURANA, b. Nov. 20, 1784; d. Nov. 30, 1804.
iii CORNELIUS, b. March 27, 1787.
iv ROBERT ADAMS, b. Mar. 11, 1790.

1-3-7-5-10

ELISHA STETSON (*Elisha, Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELISHA and SARAH (ADAMS) STETSON, b. Feb. 19, 1764, at Kingston, d. March 23, 1837. He m. OLIVE BREWSTER of Kingston (Ch. Rec.), dau. of WRESTLING and ( ) BREWSTER, on Jan. 15, 1792. (Kingston Rec.) She was b. Aug. 10, 1768, at Kingston, and d. July 27, 1831, at Kingston, aged 63 years. He was a "cordwainer and yoeman." (Kingston Rec.)

CHILDREN OF ELISHA AND OLIVE (BREWSTER) STETSON:
(From Kingston records.)

i WILLIAM, b. April 5, 1794; d. July 26, 1800.
ii GEORGE, b. April 3, 1796.
iii MARTHA SYMMES, b. Feb. 7, 1799; d. Feb. 25, 1802.
iv WILLIAM, b. Feb. 14, 1802.
v DEBORAH SEABURY, b. May 2, 1804; d. April 4, 1831, single.
vi ELISHA, b. 1811.

1-3-10-1-4

EBENEZER STETSON (*Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of EBENEZER and HANNAH (HALL) STETSON, b. March 8, 1761, d. Aug. 13, 1848, aged 87 years. He m. OLIVE HALL of Raynham in 1780, who d. Dec. 23, 1842. He resided at Dighton.

Mr. Barry says: "On the 26th of March 1777, at the age of 16 years he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army for 3 years; was at the battle of Saratoga; wintered at Valley Forge, and was in the battle of Monmouth. He lost his right leg on the Privateer "Viper" during a fight with the English Brig Resolution, and in his old age drew a pension of $96 annually."

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND OLIVE (HALL) STETSON:

i ZEPHANIAH, b. Nov. 20, 1781.
ii HANNAH, b. April 15, 1784; d. Aug. 29, 1869; m. Rev. Martin Leonard of Greene, Me. He d. in Turner, Me., Jan. 13, 1856. He was the son of Samuel and Deborah (Mitchell) Leonard. He was born in Bridgewater, Mass., March 14, 1778, was a Baptist minister and preached in Leeds, Me., Turner, Me., Greene, Me.

iii Olive, b. Sept. 15, 1785; d. July 6, 1810, in Maine.
iv Deborah, b. Feb. 25, 1787; m. Isaac Bonney of Turner, Me.
v Lydia, b. April 8, 1795; m. William Walcott of Fayette, Me.
vi Welthea D., b. June 6, 1797; single.

1-3-10-2-1

Snow Stetson (*Snow, Ebenezer, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of Snow and ——— (Dupee) Stetson, b. in 1759, d. Aug. 30, 1821, at South Bridgewater, aged 62 years. He m. Lydia Tolman of Scituate on Dec. 7, 1780.

The Boston directory for 1816 mentions "Snow Stetson, Trader," with a business on "Temple St." He lived for a time in Charlestown, also in Scituate where he kept a tavern. Mr. Barry says he died in Bridgewater.

In the Revolutionary War he served as sergeant in Capt. Elijah Baker's company.

After his death his widow lived with her children in Buffalo and received a pension.

Dr. Briggs in his "Shipbuilding on North River" states that a daughter of Capt. Silas Morton, then living in Dedham at the age of 93 years wrote that she remembered Snow Stetson very well. He lived opposite my father's house in Pembroke for many years." "He was a brilliant, handsome man, but not of strong principles."

Children of Snow and Lydia (Tolman) Stetson:

i Eliza, b. 1788; m. (1) Isaac Larkin; m. (2) Otis Clapp of Charlestown in 1825.
ii Lydia, m. Cyrus Athearn of Buffalo, N. Y., a tobacconist who had a store in Buffalo and another in Milwaukee, Wis.
iii John, b. June 12, 1792.
iv Louisa (called Zilpha Louisa in Boston Records); m. Hiram Havens of Buffalo, N. Y., April 6, 1831. Both d. young, leaving one son, Joseph, born in 1833. There were two children who d. young.

1-4-1-1-1

Timothy Stetson (*Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of (Ensign) Samuel and Ann (Dimmock) Stetson, b. June 23, 1743/4, at Mansfield, Conn., d. 1806 at ——, N. Y. He m. Zeruiah Church, dau. of John and —— ( ) Church, on Jan. 2, 1766. He resided at Mansfield, Conn., and "Otsegotown," N. Y.

Timothy removed with his wife and 11 children to Otsegotown, N. Y., in 1789. (See Mansfield, Conn., Rec. and U. S. Census N. Y. 1790.)

He served in the Revolutionary War. (D. A. R. Rec. Conn.)

None of Timothy's grandchildren remained in Otsegotown (Pittsfield), N. Y., but were scattered through New York state and in the West.

It must have been a sad day for Timothy when in 1789 he took his fortune—upwards of £1000—and with Zeruiah and the ten children and probably his cattle and household goods, said good-bye forever to the home of his fathers and slowly made his way over the hills 200 miles to the westward. (See *Stetson Kindred,* vol. 5, p. 67.)

Children of Timothy and Zeruiah (Church) Stetson:

i Mary, b. Oct. 24, 1766, at Mansfield, Conn.; d. April 14, 1767.
ii Eli, b. June 28, 1768.
iii Anson, b. Dec. 27, 1769. History unknown.
iv Mary, b. Mar. 11, 1771.
v Samuel, b. June 20, 1773.
vi Amasa, b. Jan. 29, 1775.
vii John, b. March 17, 1777. History unknown.
viii Zeruiah, b. March 30, 1779.
ix Asa, b. Sept. 7, 1781; history unknown.
x Oliver, b. Oct. 21, 1783.
xi Anna, b. June 9, 1786.

(For family sketch, see *Stetson Kindred,* vol. 5, p. 57.)

1-4-1-1-2

Desire Stetson (*Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Samuel and Ann (Dimmock) Stetson, b. June 29, 1746, at Mansfield, Conn., and m. Nathaniel Southworth, Jr. She resided at Mansfield, Conn. They lived on a large farm which Desire inherited from her father.

Children of Nathaniel and Desire (Stetson) Southworth:
(From Mansfield, Conn., V. R.)

i Lois, b. Aug. 25, 1765.
ii Eleazer, b. Dec. 29, 1768.
iii Anne, b. April 17, 1773.
iv Eunice, b. Jan. 16, 1776.

v Ozias, b. Sept. 18, 1778.
vi Samuel Stetson, b. Aug. 3, 1786.
vii Gurley.

Some of these children settled in Cooperstown, N. Y., and vicinity. (*Stetson Kindred,* vol. V.)

From the Mansfield records it does not appear that Gurley was of this family.

1-4-2-1-1

Ellis Benson (for earlier generations see appendix) (*William, Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of William and Elizabeth (Ellis) Benson, b. March 31, 1740, at Rochester.

Ellis Benson enlisted June 5, 1761, in Capt. Isaac Terbush's company of Provincial Troops. He gave his age as 21 years, which would correspond with the birth records of Rochester. Nothing further is known of him.

1-4-2-1-2

Stutson Benson (*William, Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of William and Elizabeth (Ellis) Benson, b. March 2, 1741, at Rochester, d. March 1, 1820, at Pompey, N. Y., buried in Delphi, N. Y. He m. Bathsheba Lewis, dau. of John and Bathsheba ( ) Lewis, about 1760. She d. July 18, 1830, at the age of 84 yrs., and was buried in Delphi, N. Y. (Benson Rec., 23.)

It is uncertain where this family lived for a few years after marriage, but in 1777 they lived on or near the Bennington battlefield at Waloomsac, N. Y., and only a few miles from Bennington, Vt. Various traditions are preserved of their experiences at this time, one being that Stutson was taken prisoner and sent to Montreal, and another that it was his son, Stutson, then ten years old, who was captured by the Tories or Indians. There is no official record of his having been a soldier at the time of the battle, though he is said to have been, but the Vermont Revolutionary pay rolls show that later he was a private in Capt. Matthias Button's company of Col. John Abbott's regiment of foot.

About 1785 or 1786 he moved a few miles to White Creek, Washington County, N. Y., where there was a Baptist Church, of which he became clerk.

His sister, Thankful Dutcher, and her family lived there. He came to Pompey, N. Y., about 1796, the year in which his brother-in-law, Benjamin Lewis, came. Several of his sons had come in 1793, and his daughter, Elizabeth Marsh, and her family in 1797.

He sometimes preached but was probably never ordained.

CHILDREN OF STUTSON AND BATHSHEBA (LEWIS) BENSON:
(As from their family Bible.)

i ELIZABETH, b. May 31, 1761; m. William Marsh.
ii WILLIAM, b. Nov. 3, 1763.
iii ABIGAIL, b. March 28, 1766.
iv STUTSON, b. Oct. 13, 1767.
v JOHN, b. April 14, 1770.
vi BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 3, 1773.
vii MARAH, b. March 6, 1775.
viii SARAH, b. April 14, 1777.
ix PETER, b. July 25, 1779.
x SETH PAUL, b. Nov. 9, 1781.
xi OLIVE, b. Feb. 26, 1784.

No deaths or marriages are recorded in the old Bible. Probably Abigail, John, Marah and Sarah died young.

1-4-2-1-4

JOEL BENSON (*William, Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (ELLIS) BENSON, b. Oct. 1749, at Fredericksburg, N. Y., d. 1837; m. MARY SHAW. (Benson Records, p. 24.)

CHILDREN OF JOEL AND MARY (SHAW) BENSON:

i JOHN.
ii WILLIAM.
iii CHARLES.
iv SARAH, m. ——— Nutting.
v MARY, m. Alpheus Corey.
vi RUTH, m. Adam Singer. (She was mother of Isaac Merritt Singer, who invented the Singer sewing machine.)
vii LYDIA, m. John Reynolds.
viii ALICE, m. William Gaskill Mann.
ix BETSEY, m. Archibald Hunt.

"During the Revolution this family lived in Schahticoke, N. Y., and lived there until 1790 when the first census was taken. In 'New York in the Revolution' by Roberts, he is credited with service in the regiment commanded by Col. John Knickerbocker and Col. Peter Yates, in Capt. DeGarmo's company, as was also Elnathan Benson,

whom we suppose was his brother. Joel also lived in Pittstown, about six miles east of Troy, and in 1862 was living in the town of Ripley, Chatauqua Co., N. Y., where he applied for a pension, which was granted. In his application he stated that he was born in Fredericksburg, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and that he enlisted in Col. Van Schaik's regiment in 1776 and afterwards in Capt. Van Orman's company.

"While positive proof is lacking that he was a son of William Benson, many things contribute to the belief that he was. The name of Joel would have been given him after his grandfather, Joel Ellis." (Benson Records.)

1-4-2-1-5

THANKFUL BENSON (*William, Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (ELLIS) BENSON, b. 1752 in Dutchess County, N. Y., d. June 1811 at Shaftsbury, Vt. She m. BENJAMIN DUTCHER, son of GABRIEL and ——— ( ) DUTCHER, in 1774 in Dutchess County, N. Y., who d. Aug., 1826, at Shaftsbury, Vt. She resided at White Creek, N. Y., and Shaftsbury, Vt. (Benson Records, 26.)

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND THANKFUL (BENSON) DUTCHER:

i JOHN, b. Sept. 1775; d. at Shaftsbury, Vt., April 1832, unmarried.
ii PETER, b. March 1, 1778; m. Lucy Slye.
iii SETH, m. Artemesia Taylor and settled near Syracuse, N. Y.
iv POLLY, m. Eli Godard and lived at Marcellus, N. Y., and probably removed to Michigan.
v CHARLOTTE, m. Thomas Fowler.
vi CHRISTINE, unmarried.
vii DAVID, m. Asenath Fisk and lived near White Creek, N. Y.
viii PHOEBE, b. 1788; d. at Shaftsbury, Vt., Sept. 28, 1812, unmarried.

1-4-2-1-6

SETH STUDSON BENSON (*William, Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (ELLIS) BENSON, "May have been born about 1761 in Dutchess Co., N. Y." (Benson Records.)

"Seth Stutson Benson, probably a son of William and Elizabeth (Ellis) Benson, may have been born about 1761 in Dutchess Co., N. Y. The date of his death or name of his wife have not been found. He was

a Royalist during the Revolution and became a refugee at Kingston, Kings Co., N. B., during or after the close of the war. It is thought he went there with John Marvin and other from Norwalk, Conn. Positive evidence that he was a son of William is lacking, though it is almost certain that he was. His name would have been given after his great uncle Seth Stetson.

"The name of Stutson would indicate strongly that he was a Stetson descendant as the names Studson, Stutson and Stedson were all from the same Stetson, and there were no other Stetson-Benson marriages at that period except that of William and Elizabeth Stetson.

"He would have been of an age to have been a son, and there were only two Benson families living in the vicinity at that period, and we know that he was not a son of Jacob Benson of Dutchess County. No list of his children has been found, but the Genung-Ganung Genealogy and the Marvin Genealogy give the records of two of his sons."

(Benson Records by Fred H. Benson.)

CHILDREN OF SETH STUDSON AND ( ) BENSON:

i DANIEL B., b. at Midland, N. B., Feb. 29, 1798.
ii SETH STUDSON, b. in Kingston, Kings County, N. B., Nov. 28, 1801.

There were probably others.

1-4-2-1-7

ELNATHAN BENSON (*William, Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (ELLIS) BENSON, b. about 1760, was living in 1811; m. RUTH HAMMOND, who d. Feb. 28, 1845, aged 85 (?). (Benson Records, p. 26.)

Elnathan Benson was a soldier in the Revolution in Albany County, N. Y. (as shown by the records). His name does not appear in the census of 1790. It is known that he lived in Pompey and Fabius, N. Y., in the same neighborhood as his brother Stutson from about 1799 to 1811 at least. His son Benjamin is said to have been born in Pompey in 1799, and his son Stutson born in Fabius in 1811 as mentioned in "Stutson Ben's Bible." He moved to the western part of the state soon after 1811, where the family broke up. It is not known what became of him or his five older sons. His wife, Ruth, with the son Benjamin and infant son, Stutson, remained in Niagara County. She died at the home of her son Benjamin.

CHILDREN OF ELNATHAN AND RUTH (HAMMOND) BENSON:

There were five children whose names are not known. They were older than those whose names are known.

vi BENJAMIN HAMMOND, b. July 4, 1799.

vii STUTSON, b. Feb. 11, 1811, at Fabius, N. Y.; was living in 1836; d. unmarried.

1-4-5-1-2

MICAH STETSON (*Jonah, Jonah, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of JONAH and ELIZABETH (HATCH) STETSON, b. Nov. 21, 1754 (Scit. Rec.), d. Dec. 27, 1838, aged 84 yrs. He m. SARAH COPELAND of Scituate, dau. of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (TOLMAN) COPELAND, who was b. Jan. 2, 1758, and d. Oct. 16, 1842, "aged 84." (Scit. Rec.) He resided in the "Mansion House" in Scituate built by his grandfather, Jonah 1st, still standing.

Micah was a ship joiner and builder. He represented Scituate in the Legislatures of 1815 and 1816. He was a "Minute Man" and marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; was later a corporal in Capt. Joseph Stetson's company. (Mass. Rec.)

He was on the list of pensioners of the Revolutionary War as "artificer" and was placed on the roll May 9, 1833.

CHILDREN OF MICAH AND SARAH (COPELAND) STETSON:

(All born in Scituate.)

i SARAH, b. Nov. 23, 1783; m. Edward Eells of Hanover, son of Robert L. Eells, int. Oct. 5, 1805; d. July 30, 1864. Her husband d. Nov. 25, 1838. They lived in Hanover and Medford, and had 10 children.

ii ESTHER, b. Nov. 24, 1785; m. Capt. Noah Brooks of Boston and Camden, Me., Feb. 9, 1812, son of Noah and Hannah (Stetson) (1-3-10-1-1) Brooks (*Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Thomas, Cornet Robert*). She d. in 1863. Capt. Brooks was a ship builder in South Boston and Camden, Me.

iii EBENEZER, b. Oct. 14, 1787.

iv MARY (or MERCY) and LUSANNA (or JOHANNAH), twins, b. Nov. 9, 1789. Mary d. unmarried and Lusanna d. July 1801 at the age of 12 yrs.

v JOSEPH, b. Jan. 15, 1791.

vi ALPHEUS, b. April 8, 1794.

vii LYDIA FORD, b. Sept. 25, 1796; m. Rev. Lot B. Sullivan of Lima, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1820; they had 4 children.

viii ELISHA, b. May 8, 1799.

1-4-5-1-3

Lucy Stetson (Charlton records give her name Susanne) (*Jonah, Jonah, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of Jonah and Elizabeth (Hatch) Stetson, b. March 1, 1757, at Scituate, d. June 14, 1786. She m. Benjamin Vassal of Charlton on Sept. 8, 1782, who was b. Sept. 18, 1742, at Scituate, and d. Feb. 18, 1838. She resided at Charlton, Mass.

Benjamin Vassal was a Revolutionary soldier and lieutenant of the militia. (Charlton Rec.)

Children of Benjamin and Lucy (Stetson) Vassal:

i Benjamin, b. Feb. 16, 1784.
ii Jonah Stetson, b. June 6, 1786.

1-4-5-1-5

Jonah Stetson (*Jonah, Jonah, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Jonah and Elizabeth (Hatch) Stetson, b. July 27, 1761, at Scituate, d. April 2, 1825, at Charlestown. He m. Elizabeth Vinal, dau. of Capt. Israel and Mercy (Cushing) (b. 1739, one of the 12 children of Dea. Joseph Cushing) Vinal, on March 31, 1796, who d. Oct. 8, 1851, at Roxbury, aged 82½ yrs. (Charlestown Estates.) He resided at Charlestown.

Children of Jonah and Elizabeth (Vinal) Stetson:

i Lemuel, b. Sept. 10, 1797.
ii Cushing, b. April 31, 1800; d. Aug. 31, 1801.
iii Cushing, b. April 25, 1802.
iv Elizabeth, b. April 4, 1806; m. Jesse E. Dow, Esq., of Washington, D. C., int. May 8, 1831. (Charlestown Rec.)
v William V., b. March 13, 1807; d. Jan. 12, 1830, at Bridgewater. He was a hatter.
vi Lusanna, b. Dec. 2, 1808; m. Dr. John McCarty, U. S. A.
vii Bethia, b. Aug. 15, 1811; d. Aug. 18, 1811.
viii Franklin, b. May 14, 1815; d. June 12, 1838.

1-4-8-1-4

Silas Stetson (*Silas, Silas, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Silas and Martha (Milton) Stetson, b. Jan. 25, 1785, at Scituate, d. at Philadelphia, Pa., m. at Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Barry says that he married and died in Philadelphia, Pa., but that he could learn nothing of his family or business.

CHILD OF SILAS AND ——— STETSON:

i BENJAMIN, b. May 1, 1814, in Scituate.

1-4-8-1-5

RACHEL STETSON (*Silas, Silas, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SILAS and MARTHA (MILTON) STETSON, b. May 1, 1787, at Scituate. She m. MARTIN PALMER, son of EPHRAIM and DESIRE (OLDHAM) PALMER, on Oct. 15, 1811, who was b. Nov. 23, 1787, at Hanover.

CHILDREN OF MARTIN AND RACHEL (STETSON) PALMER:

i DESIRE O., b. Hanover, Sept. 12, 1814.
ii LUCY W., b. Hanover, March 28, 1812; d. April 6, 1817.
iii JOSEPH, b. Hanover, March 13, 1817.
iv JOHN, b. Hanover, July 12, 1819.
v JOTHAN, b. Hanover, Aug. 4, 1823; d. Sept. 4, 1826.
vi LUCY W., b. Hanover, Oct. 15, 1826; m. William Coleman, son of Elisha Coleman, 1844.
vii MARY C., b. Hanover, Dec. 4, 1829.

1-4-8-1-7

SAMUEL STETSON (*Silas, Silas, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SILAS and MARTHA (MILTON) STETSON, b. April 23, 1793, at Scituate, d. Oct. 24, 1847, at Scituate; m. MARY KIMBALL on Aug. 10, 1817, at Boston (V. R. Boston), who was b. 1793.

Samuel was a housewright and in 1822 was living on May Street in Boston. After the death of his father in 1829 he removed with his family to his father's farm in Scituate, where he died in 1847.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND MARY (KIMBALL) STETSON:

i WILLIAM HENRY, b. Nov. 14, 1820, in Boston.
ii SAMUEL O., b. Jan. 27, 1823, in Boston.
iii MARY J., b. March 11, 1826, in Boston.
iv DANIEL KIMBALL, b. Nov. 5, 1833, in Boston.
v MARTHA LORING, b. May 5, 1842; d. Feb. 20, 1844.

1-4-8-1-8

EPHRAIM ARNOLD STETSON (*Silas, Silas, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SILAS and MARTHA (MILTON) STETSON, b. Feb. 21, 1791, at Scituate, d. Feb. 23, 1845. He m. (1) CLARISSA CRANE in November, 1821. Tradition says that her parents were from the north of Ireland. She was b. April 23, 1800, and d. Nov. 22, 1836. He m. (2) NANCY T.

Daniels on Dec. 5, 1837, who was b. Feb. 5, 1810, and d. Feb. 27, 1845. He resided first in Waltham, and afterwards moved to Nashua, N. H., where he spent his last days.

Children of Ephraim Arnold and Clarissa (Crane) Stetson:

i Clarissa, b. Sept. 10, 1822; m. William M. Parker, an attorney, of Medford, Mass., July 1, 1845. They had children. (Medford Rec.)
ii Ephraim A., b. 1825; d. young.
iii Ellen E., b. April 12, 1828; m. a man by the name of Smith and had two daughters.
iv Ephraim A., b. Oct. 23, 1830.
v William Wirt, b. Jan. 22, 1833.
vi Mary F., b. Nov. 14, 1836; d. Oct. 8, 1837.

1-4-8-1-9

Dea. Jotham Stetson (*Silas, Silas, Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of Silas and Martha (Milton) Stetson, b. Nov. 17, 1794, at Scituate, d. April 14, 1876, at Medford. He m. Harriet James, dau. of John and Patience (Clapp) James, on Oct. 13, 1822, who was b. Jan. 1, 1796, and d. Jan. 10, 1863. He resided at Medford.

Jotham went to Medford in 1822 and began building vessels. The names and tonnage of 32 of these vessels, most of them very large for the times, is preserved. After his death, books and papers containing all data of the Deacon's shipbuilding career were consigned to a dump heap and burned by those who at the time did not realize their value.

Deacon Jotham was an early and very strenuous temperance advocate.

Children of Dea. Jotham and Harriet (James) Stetson:
(Data from personal knowledge of Mrs. Lucy M. Perkins.)

i Almira James, b. Aug. 11, 1823, in Medford; d. 1899 in Medford, unmarried.
ii Harriet Richmond, b. May 14, 1825, in Medford; m. Edwin Briggs in 1846; no descendants.
iii Martha Milton, b. April 17, 1827, in Medford; d. unmarried.
iv Abby Dwight, b. July 23, 1837; m. Benjamin Hayes; no descendants.
v Florence Warner, b. Feb. 22, 1840, in Medford; m. John Lansing; d. prior to 1896; had one son, Ernest.

APPENDIX

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ELIZABETH STETSON (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. April 1, 1682, at Scituate. She m. WILLIAM BENSON, son of JOHN and ELIZABETH (BRIGGS) BENSON, abt. 1709. He was b. at Hull (?) abt. 1680, and d. Sept. 10, 1710, at Rochester. She resided in Rochester. (Benson Records, p. 20.)

CHILD OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH (STETSON) BENSON:

i WILLIAM, b. in Rochester Apr. 18, 1710.

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WILLIAM BENSON (*Elizabeth (Stetson) Benson, Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (STETSON) BENSON, b. April 18, 1710, at Rochester. He m. ELIZABETH ELLIS, dau. of JOEL and MARY (BUMPUS) ELLIS, on March 22, 1729, at Rochester. She was b. Dec. 14, 1719. (Benson Records, p. 21.)

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH (ELLIS) BENSON:

i ELLIS, b. Mar. 31, 1740, at Rochester.
ii STUTSON, b. Mar. 2, 1741, at Rochester.
iii BENJAMIN. Benjamin Benson is mentioned in a Court record of Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1767 as a brother of Stutson Benson.
iv JOEL, b. Oct., 1749, at Fredericksburg, N. Y.
v THANKFUL, b. 1752 in Dutchess County, N. Y.
vi SETH STUTSON, b. Nov. 28, 1801. (Marvin Gen. p. 353.)
vii ELNATHAN.
viii PATIENCE, m. Joseph Draper (?).

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